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We Must! We Can!

On many things the Baptists of Mississippi are not agreed, but they ARE agreed absolutely that we should pay our debts.

The Cash Campaign for Christian Education November 1-8 is not to raise money with which to do certain things next year—things which might be put off or left off entirely; it was authorized by the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Water Valley to raise whatever sum might become necessary to supplement our Christian Education receipts from the Cooperative Program in paying obligations already incurred.

By December 1, 1931, the Education Commission will need the following sums: Mississippi College Bonds (last of the series), \$35,000; Interest on all outstanding Bonds and Loans, \$17,000, Support Fund, Mississippi Woman's College and Blue Mountain College, \$20,000; Payment on Notes to Merchants' Bank & Trust Co., of Jackson, \$2,000; General Campaign and Office Expense, \$1,500; Total, \$75,500. The Commission had on hand Sept. 30, 1931, \$1,137.80, and it is estimated that our receipts from the Cooperative Program for October and November should be around \$12,000; this will leave something like \$62,000, which must be provided outside of the Cooperative Program before December 1st, if our sacred and binding obligations are to be met. This estimate does not include our note for \$31,371.02 to the Merchants' Bank & Trust Co., which is to be paid from the sale of the Commission's bonds.

Let us remember that these obligations are not merely the debts of the schools and the Education Commission, but that they were incurred by the express authority of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, in which, supposedly at least, every Mississippi Baptist has a voice. Every church has the right to representation in the Convention, and every member has a vote in the selection of this representation. If any of us were not represented, it was our own fault; and the obligations of the Convention are OUR obligations—yours and mine—sacred and binding upon every Mississippi Baptist.

WE MUST PAY THESE DEBTS; AND BY EACH OF US DOING HIS BEST WE CAN DO IT.

Will not every Pastor preach to his people on this matter at his very next appointment with them? Information to aid in preparing addresses will be gladly furnish-

ed on request by Secretary H. L. Martin, Room 6, Baptist Building, Jackson.

Will not each County Chairman press among the churches the distribution of the folders being mailed out this week? And where no one else seems to be looking after the matter, will you not, who read this, take the matter up in your church, write for literature to the Secretary and see that the Campaign is presented? All our churches just now are heavily burdened, and none can shift this responsibility to another. We can maintain our integrity and self-respect in this emergency only as every church does its very best.

The plan on which we are working is feasible. It asks of our people only what is reasonable. **IT WILL WORK IF WE WORK IT.**

There are some in each church who can give larger amounts—a hundred, fifty, twenty-five, ten, five, two dollars. There are hundreds in each county who can give at least a dollar. A definite effort should be made in every church to reach the larger givers.

The Sunday Schools are to have a large share in the Campaign, and each Superintendent is urged to do his best. Envelopes will be supplied by the County Chairman or the Secretary to be distributed November 1st; and on November 8th these envelopes will be brought in, with at least a nickel from each Beginner, a dime from each Primary, a quarter from each Junior, a half-dollar from each Intermediate and a dollar from each Young Person and Adult. This plan has the approval of all our people. We must—we can—make it succeed.

May we not in every service of every church, as well as in our private devotions, pray earnestly for God's blessing on this effort, remembering that, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." In every preaching service and prayer meeting, in every Sunday school and B.Y.P.U., in every W.M.U. gathering and committee meeting, let special prayer be offered for this Campaign. Let us begin planning now for the Sunrise Prayer Meeting of Sunday, November 1st, in every church; and may we, in this time of crisis, find the fulfillment of God's promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee; my strength is made perfect in weakness."

We **MUST** succeed, brethren; and by God's grace, we **CAN**.

H. L. MARTIN,
Secretary.

AN OVERSUBSCRIPTION

(S. E. Travis)

Mississippi Baptists are quailing under difficulties which should be easily overcome. Some of us are manifesting too much of the spirit of the ten spies and their allies and, of course, have failed already. The man who says "We can't" helps not but hinders those who would go forward.

"My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," says the Master, to whom all power "in heaven and in earth" has been committed. Mississippi Baptists are failing just in the proportion they have turned their backs upon the Master, the source of all power and success in Kingdom interests. And, if they will turn to Him and seek His power and guidance, victory in every field of battle will crown their efforts gloriously. This is as certain as the word of God is true. "I am with you always." The Master has never failed to keep a promise. Those who rely on Him never fail. The Bible contains hundreds of proofs of this.

Nonenlistment is our main trouble. The work is left to the few. The every-member-canvass should greatly improve this situation. Baptists who are in harness should put their most earnest prayers and whole strength into this campaign. Reaching and enlisting our people will insure success all along the line in all of our operations.

Individual responsibility to God needs stressing. The duty resting upon the one church member rests upon all the other church members. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." One cannot answer for another. "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." One cannot give for another. Church members who do not give as God has prospered them sin both against God and those who do the giving for them. Permitting another to bear one's Kingdom burdens in finances or otherwise is plain sin.

This leads to a word in behalf of the Education Commission campaign. The goal is \$60,000.00, to meet obligations authorized and directed by the State Convention. This is a worthy denominational object and no church or church member has the right in the sight of God to treat it indifferently. God expects every church to do its duty. He expects every individual church member to do his or her duty. Those churches that stand aloof and take no interest in denominational objects occupy a dangerous position. God will not permit them to prosper so long as they allow others to bear their part of the Kingdom burdens. He sometimes dries up the fountains. One church says it is loaded and cannot help. Yes, all churches are loaded, and for this reason all churches should lend a helping hand.

Some of us stand horrified and appalled at the hugeness of the task of raising the staggering sum of \$60,000.00. Are there not enough Calebs and Joshuas to inspire us with a bit of their faith and courage? Let us take the whole matter, the faint-hearted and all, to God in prayer. What is \$60,000.00 to 220,000 Baptists? Less than thirty cents per capita! Shame on Mississippi Baptists if they fail in so important campaign involving less than thirty cents per member. God has promised nothing better than continued financial depression to a people who would fail in so small a task.

We MUST succeed. Let us take the matter to our whole people. Most of us waste many times over our just proportion of the amount sought. We can cut a few unnecessary things and save the amount required without any inconvenience at all. Cut a few soft drinks, chew a little less gum, use a little less tobacco, leave off a few picture shows and ball games, take a few less joy rides, etc., and you will save all that is needed and more. Many, contributing just a little—not until it hurts—will result in a successful campaign. The poorest church can raise thirty cents per member. The poorest member can give a little. Any church should be willing to provide a fund for those who have the will but not the means.

Please read the 35th and 36th chapters of Exodus. God commanded Moses to build a tabernacle. Moses called on those "of a willing heart" to

bring offerings for the purpose. The offerings came in such abundance that Moses had to issue a proclamation restraining the people from bringing further gifts. It was declared "For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much."

This is an outstanding example of what a united and willing people can do—needs oversupplied. And if Mississippi Baptists can be infused with just a little of the spirit manifested by God's people in the instance referred to, the result will be "An Oversubscription" in the instant campaign. Let every loyal Baptist rally to the bugle call to victory.

THE REIGN OF THE HIGHER LOYALTY

(L. R. Scarborough)

Dr. W. R. White had a great article on the front page of the "Baptist Standard" recently on "Higher Loyalty." It was a "center shot" and hit the "bull's eye" on a very important matter. I wish to emphasize what he said:

As we face the great Every-Member-Canvass program of Southern Baptists, one of the most important matters is the division of funds. During the 75-Million Campaign the division of funds between local and denominational causes was around 70 per cent for local causes and 30 per cent for denominational causes. The division for the last two years has been around 95 per cent for local and State causes and 5 per cent for denominational causes, and this is the cause of the tragic situation with our denominational interests. What will we gain if we raise 40 million dollars (and about that figure we have been raising for some years) if we do not increase the percentage to the denominational causes? At the present percentage we will starve every institution and board we have.

The Every-Member-Canvass movement is seeking to get 25 per cent, or about that, for the denominational causes, 75 per cent for the local causes. This is set out as a minimum for denominational causes—40 million total, 9 million of it to go to the outside denominational causes and 31 million for the local church causes. Unless the leadership in the churches sees after this matter and greatly raises the percentage for denominational causes, we will have another continued tragedy.

Up to the Pastors

It is not altogether a problem of pastoral leadership, but largely so. If the pastor will get right in this battle and fight persistently, faithfully, never let up on his business men, he can win the battle for the denomination; but if he yields and compromises or is complacent about it, the whole denominational enterprise will be further embarrassed. It is not gospel generosity nor a good missionary policy for the church to pay its local obligations and let the denominational causes go begging. Such a policy will finally cut the ground from under the mission spirit in the local church and it will fail. It is the business of the pastor of a church to bravely guard the interests of the whole Kingdom of God in his church. He cannot be a faithful under-shepherd and neglect these worldwide causes. Most everywhere the good women of the churches will back the pastor in giving a large percentage to the denominational causes, and if urgent New Testament appeals are made to the men of the church they will join in the movement. There must be a reign in the hearts of the pastors and the churches of a spirit of a higher loyalty, seeing to it that missions at home and abroad, education and benevolences, in the states, in the home field and in the foreign field, are rightly cared for in each budget. Otherwise, we will have a denominational tragedy. A larger, more generous, worldwide spirit of loyalty right at this time, on the part of pastors and churches, will save our causes. I think this is vital and supremely important.

See to it that making up your budget at least 25 per cent as a minimum is put in for the denominational causes.

The little church on Seminary Hill this last year gave about 53 per cent of all its funds to the causes outside, and this church had great

local needs. Some other churches can give more than 25 per cent, some more than 50 per cent. Let them do it. Let there be an average of more than 25 per cent to these outside causes.

PURCHASING POWER OF A DOLLAR

(By W. A. McComb)

The purchasing power of a dollar is on a sliding scale. Just now the dollar has reached the highest purchasing power since the World War. When the dollar goes up we say things are cheap; but when the dollar goes down we say things are high. War-times produce high prices and cheap money, which usually extend over a period of years of readjustment and reconstruction. It naturally follows that salaries must be in keeping with the purchasing power of the dollar. The peak of prices were reached in the South about 1919, the year the 75-Million Campaign was launched. The entire program was enlarged and salaries were increased commensurate with living expenses and the enlarged program.

But deflation followed in 1921 and collections, while good, were not what was expected nor were they sufficient to meet the enlarged program and increased expenditures. The inevitable result was that many of the Mission boards, denominational colleges, benevolent institutions and churches were forced to borrow money and thus create debts.

In some cases salaries were slightly reduced, but the largest retrenchment came through reducing the number of Missionary and benevolent workers.

Living expenses have gradually gone down, but the greatest reduction in living expenses has taken place within the last few months.

Large crops have been produced but the extremely low prices has created an unparalleled condition in the South. This, too, comes at a time of world-wide depression. The drought of 1930 necessitated many farmers borrowing money with which to make this crop. The low prices now make it impossible in many cases for the farmers to repay the loan and carry on another year. Of course, merchants, bankers and professional men and women all are suffering from the depression. The tax receipts have not been sufficient to meet payments of the government's expenses and public schools and public benevolent institutions. All of this creates a crisis that must be met speedily or else a general collapse of organized society, both civil, educational and religious, is inevitable.

The people in Mississippi from whom Baptist organized work gets its largest receipts, are now in a position that it is next to impossible for them to do as much as formerly. Relief must come from some source or else disaster will follow. Many pastors are voluntarily reducing their salaries slightly. Our mission board made a 10% cut last January. But salaries are still out of proportion to 5-cent cotton and 3-cent corn, and other things proportionately low. The college executives, teachers, mission secretaries, superintendents of hospitals and orphanages, as well as pastors and missionaries, must prepare to work on less if they would save their institutions and churches.

This is a fine opportunity for self-denial, economy, loyalty and enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. This is no time for slackers nor quitters.

The hiring fleeth, because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep. The good shepherd... layeth down his life for the sheep.

Paul, in writing to the Philippians, (2:20-21) says, "For I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's."

The writer is confident that this crisis will prove that this inditement cannot be truthfully brought against the salaried representatives of the Baptists in Mississippi and the South. But salaries should be reduced at once and not allowed to accumulate as denominational and church debts. Drastic reduction of salaries and other expenses and heroic giving is a possible way out.

Please change my Record from Shannon to Rosedale, as we are here to work with the Saints. Brotherly, —S. W. Rogers.

Housetop and Inner Chamber

Forest fires burned over territory last year as large as Ohio and Indiana combined.

Dr. W. L. C. Mabon, pastor of Main St. Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., died Sept. 27.

Pastor O. P. Bentley, several years ago pastor at Durant, Miss., recently became pastor at Boaz, Ala.

The Baptist Record of Iowa for Oct. 3, was a special, illustrated edition, their State Convention number.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, of Mississippi Women's College, are resting a while at Stafford Springs.

Thirty-eight were added to First Church, Shreveport, the first week of the meeting, Dr. J. C. Massee preaching.

Dr. W. E. Farr, pastor at Itta Bena, says that The Baptist Record will go to at least ninety per cent of the homes in his church.

Hazlehurst Church gave to all causes last year \$16,510.85. Copiah Association reported a total of about \$36,000 given for all purposes.

Dr. E. O. Ware, for several years Mission Secretary in Louisiana, is in the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans in a low state of health.

Thanks to the pastors who have answered our request for experiences in tithing. Let others send theirs, and it will greatly help a good cause.

The Woman's Democratic Law Enforcement League of Mississippi endorsed Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo as candidate for president of the United States.

"The true penitent must think more of the injury he has done God than of the personal consequences to himself."—Geo. P. White. This is an essential truth often overlooked.

Pastor C. S. Moulder has resigned the care of Second Church at Greenwood. This church has previously cooperated with the church at Money in the calling of a pastor and may do so again.

The B.S.U. Column for our college correspondents is an interesting and important feature of the paper. Last week and this there has been a superabundance of copy, some of which, unfortunately, will have to wait for publication.

Pastor R. B. Patterson, of Calhoun City, says that Mr. A. J. Wilds and Miss Durscherl were with his people in a successful institute last week. Average attendance over 100. Derma, Bruce and Pittsboro churches were represented in the classes. The work begins well.

We were glad to see that a Japanese Christian will not use tobacco, according to Kagawa. We recall being pained at seeing one of our missionaries to Japan while on furlough in this country over 20 years ago, constantly smoking cigars. Maybe that's the reason he is now on the retired list.

The Episcopal Triennial Convention, meeting recently in Denver, asked President Hoover to appoint Nov. 8 as a day of prayer and penitence, to be observed by all Christians, the day before by all Jews and Seventh Day observers. The purpose is to seek God and the way out of all the present day ills of the world.

Pastor J. R. Kyzar, of Nashville, is visiting his mother in Mississippi and attending Lincoln County Association, of which he was Moderator for six years. Of the 31 churches in this county, he has taken part in services at 30. His own work in Nashville prospers and the hard times have brought out the finest qualities in the membership.

We see it in an exchange that C. E. Welch has resigned at Osceola, Ark. Better come on back home.

G. P. White, Secretary of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the Northern Baptist Convention, says that of 10,000 ordained ministers among Northern Baptists, only about 6,000 are in active service, and that he is informed that of 24,000 ordained ministers among Southern Baptists, almost half of them are out of employment.

In the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans there were 704 patients in August. The receipts from the cooperative program paid only a little more than half of the interest on the building debt. The other part of the interest and an installment of the principal were paid out of operating income. In the month of August \$2,087.40 worth of free service was given to charity and part charity patients.

While Blue Mountain College has always been proud of the high quality of its students, the present freshman class is certainly one of the best in the history of the college. Approximately twenty-five per cent of the class were valedictorians or first honor students in their high school graduating classes. Sixty-three of the class on an intelligence test given last week scored better than the national average for college freshmen on the same test, and more than sixty per cent scored higher than the national average for college students in general.

Dr. Warren L. Steeves, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, of Waterloo, Iowa, is much in demand for Bible Teaching and Evangelistic meetings. Recently, he conducted a Bible Conference with the First Baptist Church of Corydon, Iowa, and began a conference with the First Baptist Church of Keota, Iowa, on October 19th. On November 2nd he will begin a two-week evangelistic meeting with the Central Baptist Church of Duluth, Minnesota. Dr. Steeves preaches the old-fashioned doctrines and attempts, in all his meetings, to build the church so that the pastor will have the work strongly in hand when he leaves.

The present political situation in Great Britain is most interesting, not merely or chiefly to politicians, but to economists and all who are studying the present trend in industry and the present financial situation. In short, it is a contest to determine what sort of social order is best, what sort of government is in the interest of the whole population. In a way, it is a contest between the merits of socialism and capitalism, and it is being carried on in a manner which permits of careful study. It is not like the situation was in Russia a few years ago, a violent eruption, but there is an appeal to reason and to facts. The Labor party in Britain has been avowedly socialistic in its pronouncements, but has sought to carry through its purpose by parliamentary action, that is, by the will of a majority of the people. Recently a grave financial crisis arose. In meeting this Mr. McDonald, the premier and leader of the labor party (along with some of his associates) was apparently unwilling to follow the socialistic principles to their extreme results or methods. So the break with his party and the formation of a temporary coalition government. Parliament has been dissolved and an appeal is made to the voters to pass upon the acts of the coalition government. The new leaders of the Socialistic-Labor party are now making the plea to the people that capitalism has failed, and nothing can save the country except the adoption and application of socialism. The world is watching the contest, not with curiosity, but with profound interest. For it is a question which all the world is facing or will soon be called upon to face.

Dr. John F. Carter says that 97 have been enrolled at Clarke College, more than were enrolled last year up to the Spring term, and the number is growing from week to week.

Alabama Baptists meet in Convention at Opelika Nov. 18-20. Our Mississippi Convention opens the night of the 17th. The Pastors and Laymen's Conference twenty-four hours before.

Pastors will render a great service in this present time of preparation for the Every-Member Canvass by sending us their own experience in tithing, or that of some one known to them. We shall be glad to hear from laymen also. Not your views on tithing, but your experience.

Next week is the last one in which district associations will be held for this year. The following are scheduled to meet:

Walthall county Oct. 17 at Centerville church; Montgomery county Oct. 20 at Bethsaida church; Simpson county Oct. 20-21 at Bethlehem church; Newton county Oct. 21-22 at Rock Branch church; Clarke county Oct. 21-22 at Mt. Zion church; Hinds-Warren Oct. 22 at Antioch church; Riverside Oct. 22-23 at First church, Marks; Jeff Davis county Oct. 23 at Ebenezer church.

In one respect we are missing the real purpose of the meeting of our district associations. The purpose of this annual meeting is to get reports and review the work of the past year; and to plan the work for the new year. It is necessary once a year to take stock, to see what we have done and are doing. Only in the light of this can we plan the work of another year. In former times it was the custom to read the letters from the churches and in this way learn what had been done. For two good reasons the reading of the letters has been discontinued: first, very few paid any attention to the reading, and secondly, it took too much time. Time is now very precious; people are in a great hurry, and cannot spend several days at an association. The majority of them are willing to stay only one day. The entire purpose of an association is in danger of being thrown away. We know nothing of what has been done, or where we are. A committee on digest of letters is generally appointed but its report is made so late as to be practically valueless. Now our suggestion is that this committee be appointed if necessary a year in advance. Let them do their work within the first hour of the meeting of the association and put their report on a chart where everybody can see it. Where this is done it will provoke more interest, and do more good than anybody's speech. In the few cases where it is done it mightily provokes the people, some to shame and some to good works.

By the kindness of brother Spencer, pastor of Immanuel Church in Hattiesburg, we were enabled to attend Perry County and George County Associations, both in one day last week. From Hattiesburg he took the Editor and brother Loftin out 33 miles to Oak Grove Church, where Perry County Association met. On time we were and the meeting began promptly at ten with brother Fischel as the efficient Moderator. The brethren were exceedingly courteous to the visitors as we had to leave for another Association. They re-arranged their program and allowed brother Spencer to speak on Christian Education, and they heard him gladly. His address was worthy of the great cause. Then the Editor spoke on The Cooperative Program and Every-Member Canvass. It was our serious loss and regret that we could not remain to hear the discussions by the brethren. On we sped to the George County Association, nearly fifty miles further, arriving in the afternoon just in time to hear the report read on Denominational Literature, and, of course, the Editor made a few remarks, as did brother Jenkins and a few other brethren. Again the brethren were generous and called on brother Spencer to speak on Christian Education, and on the Editor to speak on The Cooperative Program. Brother Eubanks was Moderator. Here were men and women who are willing to give time and energy to see that the Cause goes forward. We were sorry not to be able to be with them throughout the meeting of the Association.

Editorials

HOW IS YOUR MOTOR WORKING

In spite of having driven an automobile for a good many years, this writer has never been able to learn the names of the various parts of the machine, and to distinguish their various functions. He gets somewhat confused when somebody tries to explain them to him. But there is one word which we apprehend fairly well, not because we have ever seen the thing or would be able to identify it if laid out among other furnishings; but because we have a passing acquaintance with language. That word or part of the machine is the "motor."

This is the thing that makes the whole works go. Without it the car had just as well have no wheels or tires or magneto or battery or horn. We could not put our finger on it in a car if we had to. But we do know that it is the thing without which all the rest is junk. And we do know also that in the Christian life there is a motor, a central necessity which produces all the activities and is responsible for all the results in a Christian life.

This motor is Love, without which all other things in our programs, all our professions, pretenses and politics are the mere clatter of machinery which is running down hill, or on the momentum of a past and now dead experience. By love we mean God's love, a thing which did not originate with us, nor in us; which is new and strange to our earthly life, but comes to us and gets within us from without, from above.

There are some glorious scriptures which attest this truth, and show us the manner in which this new motor gets in us, and how it works once it has been installed. Paul says, "The love of Christ constraineth us," by which he means that God's own love has gotten control in our hearts and lives and sets in motion all our inward spiritual experiences and our outward activities. 2 Cor. 5:15.

Again in Romans 5:5 he says, "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us." The Spirit of God having taken up his abode in us and living and working in us is himself the origin of this motive power in our lives. We are told elsewhere Gal. 5:22 that "the fruit of the Spirit is love." And when love is in us the other spiritual activities follow.

Also it will be recalled that Paul says in the tenth chapter of First Corinthians that without love all other outward activity is but the sounding of brass and the clanging of cymbals.

We are not here concerned about any theory of how the thing is done; nor specially about the interpreting or understanding of the scriptures about this matter. What we are concerned about, and all of us ought to be concerned about, is whether this motive power is working in our own souls. All our local church activities, all our denominational programs are worthless without this working of the love of God in our own souls. Not only does the absence of it make our activities just noise and confusion, an offense to God; but its absence will eventually stop the whole machinery from running.

It was no accident, and no insignificant platitude, when Jesus said the first and great commandment is this, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and all thy soul and all thy strength." And the second is like unto it; of a piece with it. One does not have to know much about machinery to know whether the motor is working well or not. If it is there is a quiet, contented, musical sound in your engine that gives you a feeling of assurance. And by the same token we have the same assurance when the love of God is working in us. Everyone that loveth is begotten of God and knoweth God. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which He gave us. We love, because He first loved us. What we need today is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by His Spirit.

Newton County Association has a good two-day program Oct. 21-22, at Rock Branch church.

"Doctors say you should lie on the right side. But if you are on the right side, why lie at all?" —Spurgeon.

It is said that \$3,500,000,000 are spent annually by the nations for armaments. "What fools these mortals be."

Brother A. R. Adams baptized five at Moselle Sunday. He preaches at McLaurin next Sunday. He expects brother Fagan with him at Moselle to speak on the every member canvass.

Bishop Cannon expresses the hope that Democrats will nominate a dry candidate and adopt a platform simply calling for law enforcement. He expressed a preference for W. G. McAdoo, or Cordell Hull.

Dr. A. A. Kitchings is a country pastor of the right sort. He brought in a handful of subscriptions Monday because he told his people on Sunday about the four months for fifty cents proposition.

An Associated Press dispatch from New York quotes Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, as expressing the opinion that the nomination of a wet Democrat will split the Democratic party in the next presidential campaign.

Mr. P. M. B. Self, of Marks, left last week for Mayo's hospital in Rochester, Minn., where he will probably undergo an operation. He is one of the most useful laymen in the State, and many will pray for his speedy recovery.

Dr. Perry Webb, of Pine Bluff was taken ill while assisting pastor A. F. Crittendon in a meeting at Brookhaven. They were fortunate in securing the assistance of Dr. Geo. P. White, of Hazlehurst, and the meeting continues with good interest.

Mars Hill College, in North Carolina, has over 400 students, each of whom on matriculation promised that he would not bring to the campus a radio, phonograph, firearms, or automobile. He also pledged that he would abstain from the use of tobacco and strong drink.

The Lord has certainly blessed the work in my two half time churches. East Fork, in Amite county, and Mt. Pleasant in Lincoln. Each has four live B.Y.P.U.'s and Sunday schools that are working toward the Standard. At Mt. Pleasant we had a two-week's D.V.B.S. instead of a protracted meeting and we feel that it did more real good. We have baptized eleven there during the year. I have been called to Concord Church, in Franklin county.—P. E. Collum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OCT. 11, 1931

Jackson, First Church.....	848
Jackson, Calvary Church.....	913
Jackson, Griffith Memorial Church.....	414
Jackson, Davis Memorial Church.....	359
Jackson, Parkway Church.....	200
Jackson, Northside Church.....	67
Jackson, East Jackson Church.....	32
Meridian, First Church.....	696
Offering.....	\$45.30
Waynesboro Church.....	145
Buckatuna Church.....	55
Columbus, First Church.....	871
Laurel, First Church.....	534
Laurel, West Laurel Church.....	440
Laurel, Second Avenue Church.....	279
Laurel, Wausau Church.....	75
Brookhaven, First Church.....	579
McComb, First Church.....	562
Offering.....	\$35.16
B.Y.P.U. Attendance October 11, 1931	
Brookhaven, First Church.....	204
McComb, First Church.....	162
Columbus, First Church.....	240
Jackson, Griffith Memorial Church.....	123

Pastor B. S. Hilbun, of Ellisville, has Dr. J. H. Fuller, formerly pastor in Mississippi, now living in Atlanta, to assist him in a meeting.

Dr. R. B. Gunter was at Chalybeate, Tippah county, Sunday. There were good congregations whose interest in the every member canvass was quickened.

Brother R. A. Cooper is visiting old friends and making new ones in Amarillo, Texas, where he was once pastor. He is finding some fruits of his work that gladden his heart.

Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, preached Sunday morning and evening for the people of First Church, Meridian, and then made a short visit to his boyhood home and friends at Waynesborough. Mississippians are always glad to have a visit from him.

Brother Otho A. Eure has been pastor at Ehrhardt, S. C., for five months, and has great joy in his work. He has baptized forty, and has seen a two-story Sunday school building go up, ample for all departments; and it is paid for. He waves loving greeting to friends in Mississippi.

Dr. Theodore Whitfield has resigned the care of First Church of Johnson City, Ill., and will be available for another pastorate at the end of the year. He is a native of Mississippi, and was pastor of First Church, McComb, and of First Church, Gulfport. We should be glad to have him back in the State.

By letting the people know that new subscribers may for a limited time get The Baptist Record four months for fifty cents you are helping the mission cause in two ways: You are interesting people in the cooperative work of the denomination, thus securing larger support for it; and you are helping us to prevent a deficit for the denomination to pay. Tell the people about The Record.

Editor O. P. Gilbert, of Georgia, says the annual contribution of The Christian Index to the denominational work in that State by space given to the various departments of work amounts to \$20,000 a year. That of The Baptist Record is probably not so large, but counting it at half this amount, it is twice the amount that it costs the denomination to publish the paper.

Dr. C. S. Henderson, of Greenville, says his church is putting on an extensive program for teaching tithing between now and Jan. 1. On a recent rainy Sunday 184 were at the communion service. During the past year there have been 176 additions to the church, 76 of them by baptism, a net gain of 139. Present membership 835; Sunday school enrollment 921; in B.Y.P.U. 133; in W.M.U. 105. The total gifts through the church were \$16,875.28, an increase of \$3,000.

To be busy is to be happy, and Sunday was a busy day with the Editor. Sunday morning he joined brother Joiner at Waynesborough and preached to these servants of the King. Brother Joiner has been with them for five years, and they listened like they were trained to it. We preached on giving the Lord his due and one brother said it was worth a million dollars. We hope the Lord won't be long collecting. On Sunday afternoon brother and sister Frank Gray took the preacher down to Buckatuna, where we preached again to some attentive listeners. It was not their regular Sunday or the usual hour, but we hope good was done. Brother Mason, Jr. is pastor here, living just across the line in Alabama. Brother Mason, Sr., is pastor just below this at State Line. He carried us down there for the night service, stopping for supper with brother and sister Baxter and their two fine children. There was a good congregation and we believe good was done. Brother Mason has been pastor here for fifteen years and we are not surprised that the people love him. We had been to Waynesborough several times before, but it was our first visit to the other two places. We shall be glad to accept their invitation to come again. Personally, many courtesies were shown us.

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THE PROGRESS OF THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The State Organization for the Southwide every member canvass is as follows: R. B. Gunter, General Director; J. E. Byrd, Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau; E. C. Williams, Publicity Director; Miss Fannie Traylor, Representative Woman's work; Auber J. Wilds, B.Y.P.U. Representative.

We have the following Associational Directors: Lafayette County Association—Frank M. Purser, Oxford.

Grenada County Association—Harvey Gray, Grenada, R. No. 5.

Noxubee County Association—W. E. Hardy, Shugualak.

Yalobusha County Association—Kermit R. Cofer, Water Valley.

Monroe County Association—John F. Measells, Amory.

Prentiss County Association—A. M. Overton, Baldwyn.

Alcorn County Association—M. M. Elledge, Corinth.

Union County Association—J. P. Kirkland, New Albany.

Pontotoc County Association—A. L. Goodrich, Pontotoc.

Lebanon Association—Gaines Hightower, Hattiesburg.

Pearl River County Association—H. T. McLaurin, Picayune.

Winston County Association—B. L. McKee, Noxapater.

Clay County Association—R. O. Bankston, Pheba.

Calhoun County Association—J. M. Chrestman, Calhoun City.

Kosciusko Association—D. L. Brown, Kosciusko.

Coldwater Association—C. C. Weaver, Hernando.

Rankin County Association—B. A. McCullough, Florence.

Neshoba County Association—L. T. Grantham, Philadelphia.

Choctaw County Association—H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman.

Bolivar County Association—R. E. Jackson, Cleveland.

Franklin County Association—Eugene I. Farr, Roxie.

Tallahatchie County Association—Mrs. Vira Rice, Charleston.

Kemper County Association—W. E. Martin, DeKalb.

Carroll County Association—L. D. Sellers, Carrollton.

Copiah County Association—T. W. Talkington, Crystal Springs.

Jones County Association—J. W. Fagan, Laurel.

Union Association—Lee McGowen, Lorman.

Scott County Association—W. L. Meadows, Morton.

Chickasaw County Association—W. C. Stewart, Houston.

Lawrence County Association—D. O. Horne, Monticello.

Perry County Association—E. C. Fischel, Richton.

Holmes County Association—J. S. Riser, Jr., Durant.

George County Association—G. S. Jenkins, Lucedale.

Harrison County Association—B. L. Davis, Gulfport.

Marion County Association—Bryan Simmons, Columbia, R. No. 1.

Deer Creek Association—John D. Davis, Greenville.

Panola County Association—W. E. Lee, Como.

Leflore County Association—Madison Flowers, Schlater.

Greene County Association—W. E. Stewart, Leakesville.

Leake County Association—J. H. Street, Harperville.

Walthall County Association—Homer A. Scott, Tylertown.

Simpson County Association—J. P. Williams, Mendenhall.

Columbus Association—J. F. Sansing, Columbus.

Yazoo County Association—Webb Brame, Yazoo City.

Marshall County Association—W. C. Sandusky, Holly Springs.

Tippah County Association—C. S. Wales, Blue Mountain.

Tate County Association—W. W. Grafton, Coldwater.

Madison County Association—A. A. Burns, Sharon.

Smith County Association—W. L. Compere, Taylorsville.

Mississippi Association—H. G. Rice, Liberty.

Pike County Association—R. R. Jones, McComb.

Liberty Association—J. M. Carmichael, DeSoto.

Itawamba County Association—C. S. Barnes, Fulton.

Lauderdale County Association—W. B. Lowrey, Complete.

Lee County Association—H. R. Harper, Tupelo.

Newton County Association—G. O. Parker, Union.

Clarke County Association—E. C. Hendrick, Enterprise.

Hinds County Association—M. P. L. Berry, Clinton.

Jeff Davis County Association—I. L. Foster, Prentiss.

Jackson County Association—N. O. Patterson, Pascagoula.

There are 71 district associations. Directors in 60 associations have already accepted. We are awaiting replies from 11 associations. 42 have sent in their Associational Organizations.

It is important that these organizations be completed at the earliest possible date. As soon as the Associational Organization shall have been completed, the next step will be for these Organizations to organize the local churches by first selecting a General Director in each church. The General Director to complete organization.

DEBTS PAID

On the first of October the State Board paid \$5,000.00 of its indebtedness. About a week later it paid another \$5,000.00. This was made possible by the contributions from the Sunday schools and missionary societies. While we had been hopeful that the full amount of the indebtedness, \$15,000.00, could be paid as a result of these offerings, yet we are indeed grateful to be able to reduce it by this amount. It there are Sunday schools or societies which have not made their offerings, we trust they will do so at an early date.

THE PROGRESS OF THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

There are 60 Associational Directors who have accepted the work for their Associations. We have received 42 Associational Organizations completed. We do not have an Associational Director for the following Associations:

Benton County, Oktibbeha County, Sunflower County, Jasper County, Zion, Tishomingo, Covington County, Lincoln County, Wayne County, Montgomery County, Riverside.

Just as soon as these shall have been organized, we shall be ready to go forward with additional information.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

October has always been one of our best months for the Cooperative Program. We trust that this year there will be no exception to the rule. Those churches which have been making contributions

have not been reaching the entire constituency. It is, therefore, important that all such churches shall put forth additional effort to make a good round-up for the closing of the Convention year, October 31st. More than four-fifths of the churches have made no contributions since the first of the year. We would urge that every one make an offering and get it to the State Board office by the last of October. Books will be closed on that date.

ORPHANAGE ITEMS

I have attended fifteen of the Baptist County Associations. I have had a good hearing and many assurances of interest in the Orphanage at each meeting. From the talk of the brethren and sisters I feel sure that car loads of canned goods and other valuables will be sent in on the special cars in November. Of course, it is best to send foods that will keep, as far as possible, but we shall make the best use we can of whatever we may receive. There will be some Thanksgiving cash collections, which, of course, will be helpful.

Due notice will be given as to the dates and schedule of the orphanage cars.

With the approval of the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Trustees, I am leaving today to preach in a two weeks meeting for Pastor T. J. Barksdale, at Calvary Church, Louisville, Ky. The financial remuneration, whatever it may be, will go to the credit of the Orphanage.

Money raising is not my business, but two fine business men have sent me one hundred dollars each in the last week to help tide the home over until the November cars and the Thanksgiving offerings come in.

My business as Field Secretary is to enable our excellent Superintendent to remain at the home as much time as possible, where his presence is always needed. I do not take collections.

Yours for every interest fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi.
—W. T. Lowrey.

COUNTY CHAIRMEN

November Education Cash Campaign

In last week's Record there were several errors in the list of County Chairmen, as printed, and we give below these names as they should be, together with some additional names that should be listed:

Itawamba, Supt. W. E. Thompson, Fulton; Jeff Davis, Rev. J. B. Herndon, Prentiss; Jones, Rev. E. T. Mobberly, Laurel; Monroe, Dr. J. M. Walker, Aberdeen; Pearl River, Rev. J. C. Richardson, Poplarville; Perry, Mr. E. C. Fishel, Richton, Pike, Dr. T. W. Green, Magnolia; Pontotoc, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Pontotoc; Prentiss, Rev. J. D. Thompson, Booneville; Quitman, Rev. L. S. Cole, Marks; Webster, Rev. J. B. Middleton, Eupora.

Two or three of the above have not as yet signified their acceptance as Chairman, but those written are undoubtedly the men the Lord and His cause needs in this emergency and we are counting on them to do their best in their respective counties.

We have as yet no Chairmen in Attala, Claiborne, George, Tishomingo, Greene, Jefferson, Panola, and Walthall counties, but shall greatly appreciate it if the brethren who have been asked to serve in these counties will write, signifying their acceptance.

—H. L. Martin, Secretary.

Pastor Ira F. Metts says Holmes County Association had a fine meeting. Dr. J. S. Riser, jr., was Moderator and P. H. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer. J. H. Kyzar, of Lexington, brought a helpful message, Dr. R. B. Gunter and Rev. W. A. Hancock were visitors.

Dillard University, a school in New Orleans for negroes, has secured Dr. W. W. Alexander for President. He continues his work with the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which has headquarters in Atlanta. Dillard University was formed by the union of two colleges and a hospital, occupying a 75-acre site on the Gentilly Road.

MEDITATIONS IN MARK

(By Jesse L. Boyd)

Mark 9:10-21.

The feeding of the four thousand beyond the Sea of Galilee occurred at the peak of the popularity of Jesus, and at the end of an extended tour outside of Jewry. Dismissing the multitude, "straightway" he turns homeward by boat across the lake to friendly (?) Galilee. How had affairs gone in his absence? And how would he be received now to his native heath? These are the questions that fill his mind, no doubt, as he comes back home to establish a firmer foot-hold for the purpose of extending his kingdom here and beyond. Will many or any welcome him home, and answer with obedient hearts his call to salvation and for service? Will the multitudes hear him gladly as during his former ministry in this region, characterized as his "golden days," and "the Romance of Galilee?" But the occasion of his leaving in the first place was that bitter and cruel opposition had raised its head to hinder his work and to do him personal harm. Had this allayed in the meantime? These and other similar questions arise and are discussed, perhaps, by the little company of Jesus and his disciples as they near the Galilean shore.

But no sooner than the landing is made, a "reception committee" of the sect of the Pharisees "come forth" to meet him. To extend a welcome and friendly hand? Nay, verily! They come to vex him, "seeking of him a sign from heaven, trying him." What? Were they so blind that they could not see the signs he had already done? Hadn't he already given sufficient evidence of his Messiahship? No, not to these seekers for signs who hearts were becoming more hardened with each succeeding sign of the miracle worker, the Anointed of God. What these seekers after a sign needed was not a new sign, but a new heart; not an insatiable craving for evidence, but an open mind and a spirit willing to obey the truth. So, the reception that Jesus received at the border of his fatherland on this occasion was a bulwark of unbelief and determined opposition which presaged the far off mutterings of a gathering storm. His entering in and accomplishing his longed-for purpose was as hopeless as ever; in fact, more so. He is balked in the orderly procedure of his ministry.

And here is one of the anomalies in the life of the Lord of glory, and in the economy of God in his redemptive plan of the ages. Why didn't he just walk square over them, or in a circle around them, on to his work and to the consummation of his desires? But facing this withering, biting, and blighting opposition the sensitive soul of Jesus sank within him, and he "sighed deeply in his spirit." A sign! A sign! And the answer a sigh! "Why doth this generation seek a sign?", he gasped. To gratify a superstitious curiosity? To astonish a wonder-loving mind? To furnish material for the amusement of skeptics? To witness a useless display of divine power? The answer is startling, and, forsooth, stinging to the "sign-seekers." "There shall no sign be given unto this generation." That is, to this generation of "sign-seekers." The door was closed to Galilee, apparently, but the way was open toward the open sea, and he would go out that way! "So Jesus abruptly left them, and Galilee." And, no doubt, with a wrench at his heart for the sadness of disappointment. "He came unto his own (by right), and they that were his own (by choice) received him not." How utterly downcast the Master must have been in turning away from his homeland to go "to the other side!" And to a destination; did he know whither?

The inevitable is ahead, and Jesus could see it afar. He was not quite ready for it, for the disciples were not prepared for the ordeal nor sufficiently schooled to carry on after he is taken away from them. So, to the districts around Galilee, he goes into retirement for further instruction of the twelve, and to avoid the precipitation of a clash with the combined forces of the opposition. And, like a Robin Hood, he secretly passes from place to place, shying the crowds, but going about everywhere doing good, and teaching the twelve many things the while.

And the first lesson that he seeks to teach them is to "take heed," "beware." He arouses, it seems, from a deep reverie as they row to the other side of the lake, and holds them up short with a danger signal, "Beware!" "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod," warns he; meaning, of course, their teachings and their conduct. It is possible that the disciples had been in a quandary among themselves about necessary stock of provisions for the journey, as they had forgot to take bread and had not in the boat with them more than one loaf. Hence, they were taken unawares with this warning of their Teacher about the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod, saying, with an emptiness in their countenances, "We have no bread." They were hopelessly at sea, without a rudder, or even a compass.

The blankness on the faces of the disciples so soon after the tilt with the Pharisees, and the feeding of the five thousand and the four thousand and with a sufficiency left in both cases, filled the heart of Jesus with something of dismay. The stupidity of his friends in this instance proved to be the source of as much annoyance, perhaps, as the sinister movements of his foes a little while before. He seems to be amazed at it, and breaks out with questions so profound and searching that they are able to answer but two of them, and these in monosyllables. In fact, he does not appear to wait for answers to most of them. The disciples might take them along and answer them later. Truly, it is time for examination, and for more instruction.

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WHERE SHALL WE CUT NEXT?

By S. J. Rhodes

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All over the country we are trying to get ourselves adjusted financially. Our incomes are greatly reduced and already we have had trouble in a large way as we have made efforts to carry on. Religious programs have come in for their share of the trouble. Churches, Mission Boards, Hospitals, Colleges and all the rest have been forced to make reductions that have hurt; and indications are that more reductions will have to be made as incomes continue to be reduced and contributions to the Lord's work continue to fall off.

But the question with Mississippi Baptists, it seems to me, is where shall we make the next reduction and at the same time be able to carry on to the best advantage? As I raise this question, I am thinking especially of our program of State Missions. Already such drastic reductions have been made that our work is badly crippled. I have heard it hinted in some quarters that we will have to make large reductions in the amount paid to pastors' support.

It seems to me that is the place where we cannot afford to cut at this time if we can possibly be avoided; and it seems to me that it might be avoided. Of course if it is to be avoided, I am sure there will have to be heavy reductions at some other place. There are already many churches in the state that are finding it hard to maintain their work because the incomes of the members have been cut so much they cannot pay a pastor. On the Coast where I have been for the past several weeks for my health, churches are suffering more than I have seen anywhere else. I was told a few days ago that one church would likely be forced to close its doors unless they can get more help from the State Mission fund next year than they have in sight at this time. Another church that a few years ago was able to pay a pastor a very good salary for full time, and make worthy contributions to the co-operative program, could possibly not pay over \$30.00 per month now, and there are several hundred people living in the community served by that church. One church that I have had an opportunity to observe, is located in a manufacturing district, where there are hundreds of people who will not hear the gospel preached if this church is not able to preach to them. There is more work than any pastor can do.

Many churches in the rural districts are not going to be able to pay pastors next year sufficient amounts to make it possible for them to serve the churches unless they can get help, and

the pastors are not able to pay the difference themselves. Then what will we do?

It seems to me that it is much more important that these churches have pastors than it is that we continue some of the departments of our work which are primarily educational. The average pastor can lead his church in a Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. program. But if the church has no pastor, these workers will not be able to get into but very few of the churches to help. Conventions for these departments have been costing lots of money, which, put into salaries of underpaid pastors would make it possible for them to lead their churches to do much larger things for the Lord.

Would it not be a good thing for the Convention to instruct the Convention Board to make reductions on our State Mission educational program and, if possible increase the amounts paid for pastoral support, even if other departments have to be discontinued?

Some one may feel like raising the question as to the propriety of a pastor discussing this question, and especially one who has served as Missionary pastor for the past few years as I have. But just now, I am out of the work because of ill health and, the chances are that I will not be able to get back into the pastorate for another year. I am not sure that it would be improper even if I were in the work fully. I know I am speaking the sentiment of some other pastors and laymen on this subject.

If we have to close up our churches we have closed up the home base and our whole program is headed downward.

I have the highest possible appreciation for all the workers in every department of the work, and doubt if more efficient workers can be found, and if it were possible for us to carry on all our program in full sway, I would not be in favor of doing away with any one of them. But it looks to me like we are going to have to take some drastic measures if we continue a real Missionary program in Mississippi.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE SKETCHES

(From the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago
William M. Runyan, Associate Editor.)

A GOLD-COAST INVESTMENT

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The investor was an elevator operator in one of the towering apartment buildings of the Gold Coast district in Chicago. When leisure permitted he gave attention to the reading of a book which seemed to hold his interest in an unusual way. He was a student of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The book was the Bible.

One evening a young man drifted into the corridor, seeming in no hurry to leave after visiting a friend in the building. A cozy corridor is to be preferred to a storm-swept pavement.

A conversation was soon thriving between the young men. However it started, it led soon to the question of the student operator, "Friend, are you a Christian?"

"No, I never went in for that business," was the response. "Dad says Christians are narrow-minded, and for me to be decent without becoming a fanatic."

"Don't your parents ever go to church, or read the Bible?"

"No, dad says all church folks are hypocrites, and that the Bible is mostly fables and legends."

The student then drew from his pocket a small Testament, and asked the young man to read II Timothy 3:16 ("All scripture is given by inspiration of God") and I Corinthians 2:14 ("The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit"). He became interested and began turning the pages, reading portions here and there.

Happily, when he left a few minutes later, he had accepted the gift of a Testament, and had signed his name to a Pocket Testament League pledge, promising to carry the Testament with him, and to read at least one chapter each day.

Weeks passed; the incident had been quite forgotten. One evening, in walked the young man again, smiling and affable. Greetings were exchanged, and the operator, eager to know if the pledge had been regarded, asked.

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"Well, have you been reading the Testament?" "Indeed I have, and I have read it through five times!" was the surprising answer.

With a prayer in his heart, the student then advanced a vital inquiry.

"That's fine! Have you signed your name over there within the back cover, declaring your acceptance of the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour?"

"Not yet, but I am ready to do so, and I came over here tonight so you could see me do it."

Not all Gold Coast investments have turned out so well!

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REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

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(By J. D. Franks)

Christian education may be defined as education under Christian control. Christian control can be enforced only when educational institutions are amenable to a Christian management and policy. This is secured when such institutions are owned and operated by Christian bodies.

Christian education can be given only by schools that are Christian in the courses of study offered, Christian in the presentation of these courses, Christian in the standards and ideals encouraged and promoted on their campuses, Christian in the atmosphere pervading their institutions and Christian in the personnel of their teachers and other officials.

Baptists have been pioneers in the field of Christian education, especially in this country. The first president of Harvard College, Henry Dunster, was a Baptist. The first contribution to a college endowment in this country and the first chair of Bible endowed were through the beneficence of a wealthy English Baptist, Thomas Hollis, a gift to Harvard College. The first great university founded was a Baptist institution, Brown University. The oldest college in the State of Mississippi is Mississippi College, our own Baptist school. Our loyalty to the plain teachings of the New Testament enjoining Christian education, our historic position on such questions as the separation of the church and State, freedom of worship, democratic church government and political democracy have forced us to champion the cause of Christian education.

Baptists have four South-wide schools for the special training of Christian workers: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas, the Baptist Bible Institute, at New Orleans, La., and the Woman's Missionary Training School, at Louisville, Ky. In these institutions preachers, laymen and women workers are given special training for service as pastors, educational secretaries, Sunday school, W.M.U. and B.Y.P.U. workers and missionaries at home and abroad.

In Mississippi we have three colleges: Mississippi College for boys, at Clinton, Blue Mountain College and Mississippi Woman's College for girls at Blue Mountain and Hattiesburg. These are all Senior colleges and enjoy an A-Grade rating with the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and with other important standardizing agencies.

These are our own schools and should have the united support of Mississippi Baptists both with the patronage of their sons and daughters and with their means. Their glorious past justifies this support, their rich and useful present inspires it and their difficult future demands it.

Baptists might as well face the plain facts as to the precarious condition of their Christian education program. We must either free our schools of their burdensome and harrassing debts, endow and equip them, making them as good as the best—or else go out of the education business. The latter alternative is unthinkable from every standpoint; the former is NOT impossible—IF our men and women with large means will give in large amounts to the endowment and equipment of our schools, as they are due to give, and IF those of us with small means will continue to give in small, sacrificial amounts as we are able, and IF our colleges themselves will keep genuinely Christian and loyal to their Baptist

founders and owners, and IF we all together work and pray to the end that our schools shall be saved. But these conditions must be met in a united effort of this kind.

According to a ruling of the State Baptist Convention at its session last year, a State-wide campaign to raise \$60,000.00 in cash was proposed and authorized. November of this year is set as the month for this campaign. The organization for this effort is now being set up. We recommend that the churches of this association cooperate whole-heartedly in this campaign. The money to be raised will be used to retire the indebtedness of our Education Commission, which indebtedness was incurred at the instruction of the State Convention.

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TEACHING THE BIBLE TO THE "AVERAGE MAN"

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(Ernest O. Sellers)

A side-tracked teacher is one of the secrets of wrecking many a promising Bible Class. How does he get side-tracked?

For years it has been the writer's firm conviction that the average man of the street accepts the Bible at its face value and has but little regard for technical or interpretative questions. On the contrary, he is most vitally concerned about questions which have to do with the moral application of the text as it is plainly implied by the accepted meaning of the words of the English translation. This is not a theory. It grows out of many years of experience in Christian work; ten years of which were devoted to "man's work," as a Y.M.C.A. and a church Brotherhood Secretary.

The best evidence to confirm this opinion came to me while leading the Men's Bible Class of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Various methods of study were tried. Biography, Uniform Lessons, Topics, Book Study and even Theology.

At one time the members were asked to write questions upon slips of paper for the teacher to read to the class, and on the following Sunday, answers were given in the light of what we believed to be the Scripture teaching. I still have a list of many of those questions and attached to each is the name of the questioner so that it is easy to recall the occupation and state of life of each. The following are some sample questions:

From a successful real estate operator, aged about 35.

"What reason would you give for the downfall of some of the great Christian men? Is it weakness of body or spirit?"

From a shop employee.

"Can any good be accomplished for God apart from sacrifice?"

From a mechanical engineer, a designer of blast furnaces.

"Did God show his approval of David's living with Bathsheba in the blessing of their son, Solomon?"

From a successful architect.

"Would President Roosevelt's work (he was then President) count for as much as it has, should it be shown that he had committed the same sin that David committed?"

From a newspaper man.

"What made David a 'man after God's heart'?"

From a journeyman carpenter.

"Is sin negative or positive? Is it absence of good or the presence of evil?"

From a laboring man.

"There being no change in the commandments, why worship in the name of Jesus?"

This class averaged at the time an attendance of about seventy-five each Sunday, and its membership was as cosmopolitan as could be expected in a large American city. One member, a college man, carried his Greek New Testament to read upon the streetcars; one worked as a boiler-maker each day; one ran an elevator in a large office-building; they were from all walks and conditions of life.

Of course the usual questions, "Who was Cain's wife?" and "What is the sin against the Holy Ghost?" were listed, yet all were submitted in

all seriousness and, knowing these men personally, I can testify that each one was honestly seeking to know the plain but positive teaching of God's Word which would be of daily help and strength.

From these and kindred experiences I am positive of some things. First, that men are anxious to know the truth that will help them in their daily walk and conversation, and that they are ready to listen to any teacher in whose integrity they have confidence, and who bases his message upon the Word of God. Secondly, that many teachers make the fatal mistake of raising issues on which they themselves are not clear and about which they leave an indistinct and hazy impression in the minds of their class. Often this is because of some popular or current religious agitation, the teacher thinks he too must enter the discussion to give himself standing though about all he says is a repetition of what he has read or heard someone else say. Third, that too many teachers accept the speculations of men, the "consensus of opinion," the "latest results of scientific research," and give that cut as their own or as bolstering up their opinions. I have yet to see any class of magnitude or influence whose teacher has followed any such course. On the contrary, I know of countless classes that are strong and helpful because their teacher does not allow himself to be sidetracked,—brings to the class each Sunday the plain "Thus saith the Lord," and expresses his message in the plain speech of the people, thus applying God's Word to the problems of men.

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HE TAUGHT A CLASS OF BOYS

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(By Rev. Warren L. Steeves, D.D., Waterloo, Ia.)

It was in a little old frame meeting house, painted white, with a spire that reached heavenward, where deacon Jones on Sunday afternoon taught the class of boys. There was not a large number in the class, perhaps five or six, but the plain, good deacon thought it worth his while to invest his time as superintendent of the Sunday school and frequently teaching the class of restless boys.

He had very few lesson helps, but as the years rolled by, those boys came to know that Deacon Jones knew at least one book of the Bible, and that was the Gospel of John. How he did turn to that book and what marvelous things he found in it that interested the boys and held their unfailing attention to the subject.

As he stood in the pew in front of the one where the boys were seated, he held the Bible in his hand in such a way as to impress those boys with its wonderful contents. And they in turn came to appreciate the fact that here was the Book of books. It was easy for those boys, later on, to believe in Christ as their Savior and to accept him as their Lord, because of the faith and confidence that had been instilled into them by the deacon. It was the most natural thing in the world, when they grew to manhood, that they should become deacons, and trustees, missionaries and preachers, because of the teaching received in Deacon Jones' Sunday school class.

Sunday school teachers little know the tremendous opportunity that is theirs and the blessing that they may become throughout the multiplied years to hundreds of men and women rising up and calling them blessed.

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Charles Howse, son of Will L. Howse, of Marks, Miss., goes to Tuscaloosa, Ala., as assistant pastor to J. P. Boone.

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The Foreign Mission Board is in session this week in Richmond. These brethren have serious business on hand. Pray for them.

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Oct. 23-25 the Baptist students of Mississippi assemble in Convention in Jackson. There is sure to be a good representative from each of the colleges, not only Baptist colleges, but the State schools. We welcome these representatives of our young Baptist life to the city and to Baptist Headquarters.

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IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, MAIL YOUR STATE MISSION OFFERING TO DR. GUNTER IMMEDIATELY! THANK YOU.

We are printing on this page an article by Miss Mallory regarding the EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS. Study it carefully that you may be ready to do your part in this great task that Southern Baptists are undertaking.

W.M.U. PREPARING FOR EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS

(By Miss Kathleen Mallory, W.M.U. Cor. Sec'y.)

Preparedness anticipates possession—certainly it also makes easier participation in a proposed plan. One pastor said that he could reach within an hour practically all the many homes in his church merely by telephoning his request to the W.M.S. president. Similarly there is ready communication from W.M.U. headquarters in Birmingham to the State W.M.U. offices on to their collaborators in the district and associations to the 30,020 W.M.U. organizations with their more than 600,000 members in 12,852 S. B. C. churches. It is believable that by now every W.M.U. organization has one or more members actively working for member-wide participation in the church's Every-Member Canvass.

Many regular activities of the fall will strengthen this participation. Among these are: season of prayer for State Missions; observance of an Enlistment Month; checking up on Standard of Excellence; missionary programs in local and associational groups; Week of Prayer for World-Wide Missions, November 30-December 4. It is also a proof of preparation that for many years the "W.M.U. Plan of Work" for each organization has included the following clause: "Cooperate heartily in Every-Member Canvass of church and aid in introducing and supporting weekly envelope system where none exists, every precaution being taken against any budget system which would preclude or discourage the offerings of the W.M.U. Weeks of Prayer, which offerings have been officially approved by the Southern Baptist Convention."

It would seem to be providential that five days of the canvass week are coincident with the time when W.M.U. members will be praying for world-wide missions and will be ingathering the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The Bible gives many instances of prayer associated with giving, as in the description of Cornelius (Acts 10:2)—"who gave much—and prayed—always." In the programs for the December Week of Prayer and in the Union's three monthlies, which have a combined circulation of over 90,000, in the State denominational papers and in "Home and Foreign Fields" W.M.U. women and young people will be urged to participate altogether helpfully in preparation for and in the actual "putting over" of the canvass. Therefore, every W.M.U. organization down to the tiniest Sunbeam Band has been asked to choose a promoter for its group, the duty and privilege of each promoter being to enlist her entire constituency in line with the S. B. C. Promotion Committee.

In all such efforts as well as in the reaching of the unenlisted in their own as well as in nearby and less accessible churches, W.M.U. members and leaders look prayerfully to the pastors for encouragement and hearty cooperation. Greek scholars say that the word translated "help" in Philippians 4:3 means "take hold along with." Earnestly are the pastors urged to "take hold along with" their missionary organizations in the "laborers-in-the-Gospel" effort to enlist all the wo-

Our Young People's Column

"A SENSE OF DUTY MAKES US DO OUR WORK WELL, BUT IT IS ONLY LOVE THAT MAKES US DO IT BEAUTIFULLY."

The flute and the violin do not render exactly the same service in the great orchestra, but they who play them in harmony, having their eyes on the same leader. Even so, "looking to Jesus" there is harmony, movement together, though the services are different. The three wise men brought different offerings, but they brought them to the same Lord.

As the reports have come in this week it has thrilled my heart to see how every local leader, every associational young people's leader, and every boy and girl are just fitting right into their places—regardless of what work God has asked of them—and oh, how we are going to work this last quarter!! Each of us can fill our place and brings our gifts to the same Master—all looking to Him for guidance.

How I'd love to have taken each of you with me to the colleges this month! Oh, it just did my heart good to see our fine Baptist college girls lining up with Y.W.A. and beginning the new session with glorious plans. I've visited Hillman, Woman's College, M.S.C.W., and Blue Mountain, and I just want to say to you that I have never been treated so royally in my life as I was on these campuses. Here's to our College Y.W.A.'s!!

Girls! Girls! Intermediate Girls!! Guess what? Miss Pearle Bourne is to be at our House Party, Nov. 13-15, Hattiesburg, Woman's College. Is she fine? Well, bring your \$1.50, your leader and your friends and we'll see! Come one!—Come all!

A few days ago a Chicago woman, suffering from a rare and deadly disease, lay at the point of death. Her doctors said that she would quickly die if she could not be given a certain type of gland extract. There was none of this in Chicago—the only available supply was in Buffalo.

Observe, now, how readily distant strangers acted to save this woman's life.

A Buffalo policeman rushed it to the airport, and officials of an air transport company, notified of the proceedings, telegraphed from Washington that their westbound plane was to wait for the medicine, no matter how badly it disrupted the schedule.

Reaching Chicago by air, the medicine was hurried to the hospital by police escort. There it was administered, and the woman's life was saved.

Upwards of a dozen total strangers, most of them living far away, had cooperated in the winning fight. Their sympathy was concentrated on one suffering individual.

Millions are dying in sin today. Are we so eager to save their souls as these strangers were to save a life?

men and young people as well as the men in the Simultaneous Every-Member Canvass.

(Continued from last week)

Will it shock you too much to know that some of these who have been saved were already church members? It is a matter of record that in heathen lands many first accept Christianity (leaving the idols and false and believing the truths of Christianity) years before they find Christ as personal Saviour. In other words, they have a head religion instead of heart. We are rejoicing that some of these who have had Christ only in the head have let Him move into the heart now and are saved.

May I stop and ask, Are all in churches at home saved? Have they all been born again? What is it we see in so many of our denominational papers about so many church members being cold and indifferent; churches being half filled and the like. Just today I read, "There are something like 50,000,000 adherents to some form of religion in U. S., but that it is estimated that only about one-tenth of this number can truly be considered regenerate people." This may be over-drawn, but from the worldliness we hear of at home surely the tares among the wheat are not a few. Christ said, "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Is this true of my own native land as well as in this dark heathen land? Let us cry to God for deep conviction of sin. It is a fearful thing for people to be in churches and still unsaved. Let us not fear to ask the question, "Have you been born again?" Even to church members. Ours is the responsibility.

Please pray for us and rejoice with us in this revival, which we feel has just begun, in our midst. Altho this is the busy harvest season with the farmers, still people are constantly being saved and how the new converts do love to bring others to Christ. Pray for our fall campaign, which will begin after a few weeks. His name is being magnified in our midst. We praise Him for His loving kindness.

China remains in a state of unrest and lawlessness. The people suffer much, but in the midst of it all God is mightily working. We thank and praise Him.

Do you wish to have a part in this.—Pray, Pray daily. Your earnest intercessory prayers will help much. "God is able."

Your missionary friend,
(Signed) —Pearl Caldwell.

Pingtu, Shantung, China.

The Christian Century quotes a Jew speaking to Jews at Hollywood: "I am a Jew, but I am ashamed of my kinship with you Jews of Hollywood. I am ashamed of kinship with a people who have wholly forgotten their spiritual mission and are now engaged only in the feverish acquisition of wealth by pandering to the worst instincts of humanity."

The story is told of an old potter who was at work on some vases when some visitors stopped to watch him. "Why don't you have machinery to do some of that work?" asked a practical business man. "We have tried machinery," replied the potter, "but somehow it fails. What the vases need is the human touch." How true that is of our boys and girls. Leaders, let us love them. Boys and girls, try to win your friends through personal work.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

Carroll County

October 9th the Carroll County
Baptist Association met with North
Carrollton Baptist Church in a one-
day session. The meeting was call-
ed to order by Moderator L. F. Fow-
ler. L. J. Lott led the opening pray-
er, R. L. Breland conducted the de-
votional, prayer by I. F. Metts.

Each of the sixteen churches of
the association was represented by
messenger. L. F. Fowler was re-
elected Moderator and W. P. Brown
was elected Clerk. O. G. Corley
was elected Vice-Moderator. Visitors
recognized: I. F. Metts, W. T. Low-
rey, A. J. Wilds, J. W. Provine and
R. L. Breland.

I. F. Metts preached the annual
sermon, using 2 Cor. 5:18-21, "Our
Ambassadorship." It was a good
message and well received by the
hearers. At the noon hour the North
Carrollton Church and community,
assisted by the Carrollton Church,
served a bountiful dinner which was
enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session began with
devotional by W. T. Lowrey, which
was followed by him with a talk on
the orphanage. A. J. Wilds discuss-
ed the cooperative program, and J.
W. Provine discussed Christian Ed-
ucation. Each of these addresses
received sympathetic hearing and
the people voted to cooperate.

The usual reports were read with
little discussion: Cooperative pro-
gram, J. M. Corley; Missions, W. W.
Muirhead; Social Service, L. D. Sel-
lers; Christian Education, L. J. Lott;
Finances, O. G. Oliver; Nominations,
L. J. Lott; Obituaries, J. R. Fancher.

McCarley was chosen as the next
place of meeting with L. F. Fowler
appointed to preach the annual ser-
mon. The meeting was harmonious
and enthusiastic. Everybody seemed
to be agreed that we are in the
midst of a crisis and that there must
be much prayer and earnest effort.
It was spoken of as a successful
meeting of the body.

Notes and Comments

Rev. I. F. Metts has resigned Vail-
len and West churches and has ac-

cepted Tchula for half-time, along
with Goodman for half-time.

The resident preachers of Carroll
county are, as shown by last year's
Minutes, L. D. Sellers, L. J. Lott,
L. F. Fowler, A. J. Nixon, J. M. Cor-
ley, W. P. Brown and W. W. Muir-
head. Pastors from outside the coun-
ty: J. W. Maddox, H. E. Spell, L.
D. Wood, I. F. Metts and R. L. Bre-
land.

September 30, 1931, Amos Wesley
died at his home in the eastern part
of Yalobusha county. He was born
December 25, 1843, so that he was
nearly 88 years old. He had been
married four times and all of his
wives had preceded him to the other
world. He had been blind for 23
years and had been an invalid for
several months. He is survived by
four children. His body was buried
in the Shiloh Baptist Church Ceme-
tery, the writer officiating.

Some of the churches through this
section held prayer services on Oct.
7, as had been requested by our lead-
ers. Our people generally have not
yet realized the conditions as they
are and have not returned unto the
Lord for help. Further oppression,
or depression, may yet have to come
before we get right with God. Cold
facts and sad experiences are nec-
essary to humble us. Our Father
knows how to do it. Let His will
be done.

A cure for the present so-called
depression: "If my people, which
are called by my name, shall humble
themselves, and pray, and seek my
face, and turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin, and will
heal their land."

Next Monday, 10:00 a.m., the Bap-
tist Pastors' and Laymen's Bible
Study Assembly will meet perhaps
at Grenada. The study begins with
the third chapter of Romans. Come
over and be with us.

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is facing. Second, in my work I
came in contact with many fine stu-
dents and laymen that otherwise I
would have never known. And finally,
I received a personal blessing
and a great joy from knowing that
I was having a part in the Master's
great work. And in so doing I was
serving my State, my Southland, and
my nation.

Emily Taylor, Blue Mountain.

Laughing, talking, gasping for
breath, a group of boys and girls
scrambled up to the top of Mt. Kit-
azuma early one July morning to
gaze upon the sun as it came forth
in all its glory and majesty. A beau-
tiful scene it was as, with heads and
hearts bare, this little flock stood
expectant—a still more beautiful
scene when the sun bathed the tawny
crests of those old mountains with
amber flame. A thought, "This sum-
mer campaign has been just such a
sunrise in the lives of Mississippi
Baptists and Mississippi Baptist stu-
dents. They have heard a call and
have answered. The sunlight of
God's love has filled their souls and
sent out heavenly music in notes
of service."

However, it would be futile for
anyone to attempt to estimate what
this campaign has meant to each of
us. To me it has meant Christ-love,
fellowship, vision.

Baptist students, we have started

something. "He that putteth his
hand to the plow and looks back, is
not fit for the kingdom of God."

Sometimes dark clouds may gath-
er around us, but we will fight on
with the handles of our swords, even
after the blades are gone.

Leo Green, Miss. College.

More than one of the Mississippi
students would find it impossible
to write about the summer's experi-
ences and confine himself to a word
limit. We not only educated and
informed others, but we ourselves
received much enlightenment. Stage
fright came to be a thing of the past
as we thrilled to the receptive
hearts of our congregations and
awakened their contrite consciences.
Students, who are not participants
in religious activities when away at
college, were touched and reached
by our earnestness. It was a chal-
lenging task that appealed to youth-
ful zeal and love of adventure. It
wasn't work. Because we demand
in unison: "Let us do it again next
summer."

Katherine Rawls: M.S.C.W.

The Baptist work in Mississippi
this summer has done much toward
causing young Christians to feel
their responsibility for definite Chris-
tian service in the future. It also
has done much toward increasing
our desire to do something to meet
and successfully overcome the dif-
ficulty that are causing Southern
Baptists to retrench their forces.
But after the work in behalf of the
Cooperative program we are per-
suaded to believe that the cause of
the decrease in Southern Baptist fi-
nances is not so much a result of
general depression, as it is a gradual
decrease in zeal and spirituality
in the South since the war. Southern
Baptists are off the job! Why, in
our Southland, where the modern

world is coming to a point, there are
over three and one-half million white
Baptists. If just one-half of a mil-
lion of these (wage earners at that,
making only \$15 per week) were
stewards, we should be giving \$39,-
000,000 per year, which is equivalent
to the present contributions. Surely,
in view of this astounding statement
we cannot reduce any phase of work
in the cooperative program, and ex-
cuse ourselves because of the depres-
sion.

Leo Eddleman, Miss. College.

It was last summer during the
Baptist Student Campaign that the
Baptist denomination fully came to
the realization of the vigor and the
deep sincerity of the Baptist student
work. And to the Baptist students
the campaign was a tremendous
challenge, a clarion call for a rally
to the cause of Christ jeopardized by
the failure of a large group of
churches to support our program.
As a result of our work we have
come to feel our responsibility for
the denomination's welfare more def-
initely. It proved that great tasks
for Christ can be accomplished when
launched forth with prayer and a
spirit of sacrificial service. This
campaign meant to me the fulfill-
ment of the "Jerusalem" part of the
commission.

Tate Woodruff, Miss. College.

TESTIMONIES OF OUR DENOMINATIONAL LEADERS

Our people and our church were
greatly impressed and benefited by
the program put on by the repre-
sentatives of the B.S.U. of Missis-
sippi.

The following reasons definitely
state the benefits received from this
presentation:

First, the program was given in
such a fine spirit of consecration and

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Renew Your Health by Purification

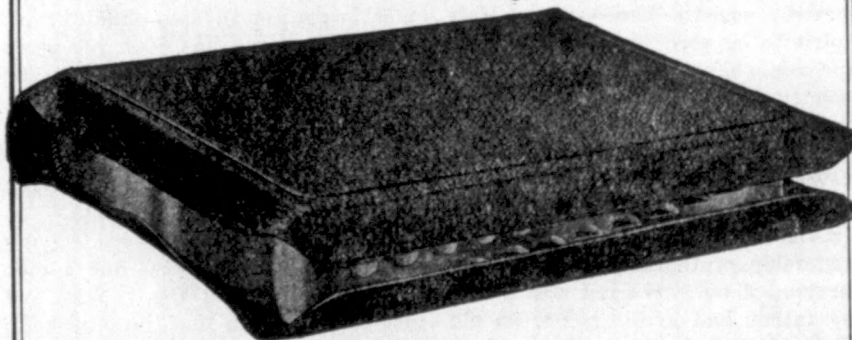
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR OCTOBER 18, 1931

(By L. D. Posey, Jena, La.)

Subject: Paul in Thessalonica and Berea.

Golden Text: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Psalm 119:18.

Scripture for study, Acts 17:1, 5-11; I. Thess. 2:7-12; for supplemental study, Acts 17:1-15; I. Thess. 2:1-12.

Introduction

The date of this lesson was 51 A. D., the same as the last lesson, and during Paul's second missionary journey.

The cities involved, in the main, are the ones given in the caption of the lesson.

After Paul and Silas had been honorably discharged by the officials in Philippi, they went in a southwesterly direction, traveling over one of the great Roman highways, through Amphipolis and Apollonia to Thessalonica, almost exactly one hundred miles from Philippi. All these cities are rich in Grecian history. Thessalonica figured prominently in the World War, being the base of the Allied Balkan forces. Most of it was accidentally burned; but since the war it is being rapidly rebuilt.

The Lesson Studied

There are two possible reasons, why Paul and his company did not stop at Amphipolis nor Apollonia: Nearness to Philippi, where they had received such brutal treatment; or, lack of Jewish synagogues in which to begin work. My guess is, the latter reason was the real one. Paul invariably preached to the Jews first when that was at all possible. Unless there were as many as ten Jewish families in a town, there would be no synagogue. That was evidently the reason he began his work in Philippi at the praying place by the riverside.

Paul was the greatest missionary the world ever had. Christianity made the greatest progress during the first three hundred years of her history that has ever been made in the same length of time, and that against the greatest odds. There must have been one or more reasons. Personally, I am convinced there were exactly two; no more, no less. The first was, Christians generally, but especially those called to the ministry, put themselves unreservedly into the hands of the Holy Spirit to be used by Him any way, and any where. They all had a missionary zeal unknown in modern times. Furthermore, there was but one kind of church; that was the New Testament kind. The other reason was, Jesus had given a PROGRAM, and His people under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, were carrying it out. When I was a boy, my father had in his home, an old leather-bound book that contained that program. It could be read in Mat. 28:18-20. That program did not include mathematics nor athletics. After Paul was saved, he received by special revelation from

Jesus the mystery and application of that program. Its mystery was the calling out of the redeemed to become the body (mystical) of Christ. Its application was "to the Jew first." Constantine succeeded in getting that program changed. Since that time, the leading thought and teaching of Christendom has been that "the church" and "the kingdom of Christ" are one and the same; and that the Jews are forever cast aside; and that under the preaching of the gospel, the entire world is to be made righteous, including the righteous administration of political affairs, and that then Christ will come again. How different from what the Bible teaches.

With an estimated five hundred thousand Jews in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, we have one lone missionary to the Jews. In many cities, there are Baptist churches, costing from one quarter to one-half million dollars, with all the frills of modern times, but never an honest, earnest affectionate effort to induce the Jews living in those cities to hear the gospel in those churches. Under such conditions, the Jews believe that Christians who claim a Jew was the Messiah, themselves hate the Jews.

During the World War, the Jews furnished the largest percentage of their man-power of any people involved on the Franco-English side. Henry Morgenthau, a Jew, represented the interest of eleven of the Allied nations, including America, at the Turkish court in Constantinople. When the turks were butchering the Armenian Christians like so many hogs, Morgenthau called for five million dollars to remove the Armenians from that awful slaughter pen, and offered to give one million of the five himself.

During the war, the Jews were definitely promised that if the Turks were driven out of Palestine, they (the Jews) should have it for a national home. Thirteen years ago, hostilities ceased. But look at conditions in Palestine now, and how the Jews fare. Furthermore, what have the Christian nations done to give them the gospel there? Yet, millions have been given to give the gospel to others. These we ought to have done, and not left the other undone. God's PROGRAM is, "The Jew first." When people refuse God's program, He seldom O.K.'s theirs. With the huge gifts for almost every conceivable philanthropic purpose, no one has ever yet given as much as one hundred thousand dollars for giving the gospel to the Jews. Many of the millions given for benevolence have been given by men wearing the Baptist name. What a sad commentary it presents.

These missionaries were having success in Thessalonica, but a mob was raised among the rabble, and not being able to find the preachers, they seized Jason and certain other brethren and dragged them to court. Such is always the case. The greater success a minister of the real gospel has, the more he is hated by the Devil's gang. Peace bonds were

given by Jason and his friends, after which Paul and Silas were sent by night to Berea. "These (the Jews) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11. If people everywhere would follow their example what wonderful success the gospel would have.

The verse just quoted, gives one great reason why the Jews should have the gospel first. Surely it would be easier to show those who have prophecies, and are looking for the Christ, that He has already come, than it is to reach the pagan nations, who have never known of the true God. Besides, when the Jews are saved, they make the greatest missionaries.

That part of Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica, and included in today's lesson, gives the secret of the way Jews should have been handled. "But we were gentle in the midst of you; even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear unto us." I Thess. 2:7-9. When we read that, and think of how the Christian nations have treated God's chosen people, we can hardly be surprised that He has not put His O.K. on our program, but has left us to reap the fruits of our folly. "And I will bless them that bless thee; and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:3. That promise has never been revoked. I would to God, Baptists had always followed His program. Had we done so, how differently our history might read today.

WHAT FUNDAMENTALISTS BELIEVE

II. Of the True God


"We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption."

III. Of the Holy Spirit

"That the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the truth of the gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, baptises, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer."

IV. Of the Devil, or Satan

"We believe that Satan was once holy, and enjoyed heavenly honors; but through pride and ambition to be as the Almighty, fell and drew after him a host of angels; that he is now the malignant prince of the power of the air, and the unholy god of this world. We hold him to be man's



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greatest tempter, the enemy of God and His Christ, the accuser of the saints, the author of all false religions, the chief power back of the present apostasy; the lord of the anti-Christ, and the author of all the powers of darkness—destined, however, to final defeat at the hands of God's Son, and to the judgment of an eternal justice in hell, a place prepared for him and his angels."

V. Of the Creation

"We believe in the Genesis account of the creation, and that it is to be accepted literally, and not allegorically or figuratively; that man was created directly in God's own image and after His own likeness; that man's creation was not a matter of evolution or evolutionary change of species, or development through interminable periods of time from lower to higher forms; that all animal and vegetable life was made directly, and God's established law was they should bring forth only 'after their kind'." ... More later.

—J. E. Heath.

The Fidelis Class of the Hazlehurst Baptist Sunday school installed the following officers on last Thursday for the ensuing year.

President, Mrs. L. B. Holmes.

Vice President, Enlargement, Miss Alma Haley.

Vice President, Fellowship, Mrs. John Lowe.

Vice President, Class Ministries, Mr. Frank Dees, assisted by Mrs. Luther Watson.

Vice President, Missions and Stewardship, Mrs. N. E. Davis.

Secretary, Records and Finance, Mrs. R. E. Marchetti.

Secretaries for Class work, Mrs. Ellis Allen and Miss Lee Ona Mc-Lemore.

Reporter, Mrs. M. C. Lowe.

Floral Chairman, Mrs. T. O. Kearney.

Teacher, Mrs. Walne Dees.

Assistant Teachers, Miss Alma Haley and Mrs. T. J. Spencer.

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH

That any person, any human being, goes to heaven, "God's dwelling place," after the death of the body?

Do any of the human race ever inherit and inhabit heaven, "God's dwelling place?"

—C. M. Sherrouse.

Biloxi, Miss.

"I have a friend who is ambidextrous."

"Ain't that awful! Is he taking any treatment for it?"

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GERMANY—AN OBJECT LESSON

(By L. E. Hall)

Germany has given to the world the greatest object lesson of the effect of infidelity on a really great and well developed nation that this world has ever had before. The German people were among the most enlightened and cultivated of all the nations of Europe. Not only is it a fact that the percentage of illiteracy is smaller, but their education is the most practical of any people known to me. Their girls and young ladies are not taught home economics, in order that they may remain in bed, scientifically, until the sun is an hour high, while a belated cook is in the kitchen preparing breakfast for them. They are taught to work with their own hands. Their young men are not educated with the view that their lives should be spent in showing somebody else HOW. They are a brave and industrious people, but infidelity has ruined the nation. It is not meant that all the German people are infidels. Many of them are pious and thousands of them have consecrated their lives to the service of God, but infidelity in some form has poisoned the mines and destroyed the souls of countless thousands. Their present condition presents to the world a spectacle which it is sad to contemplate. Their future is covered with clouds and darkness. The only way out of their miserable condition is by the way of repentance and a return to God.

The former ruler of this once great empire has been outlawed, and is liable to become a target, if caught away from his premises by anyone who has a gun and is willing to waste a load of ammunition on a "dead duck." Those who are at the head of their present government seem to be trying to restore their country to at least a measure of its former prosperity, but they cannot do an impossible thing.

It grieves me to think that our own country is traveling in the same direction and must, if a change is not had, soon become the victim of the same infidelity. Our churches are trifling with God's Almighty, positive commands. Lawlessness and godlessness everywhere. If we continue in our present course of indolence, extravagance and continue to live without regard to divine teaching or respect for organized authority of any kind, the end is not far off. There are thousands of God's people who are distressed about conditions which they know must lead to ruin, but they are powerless to remedy the situation.

May our Heavenly Father help us for Jesus' sake.

—BR—

Pascagoula, Mississippi,
October 8, 1931.

Editor Baptist Record,
Jackson, Mississippi.
Dear Brother:

I am writing to report a great meeting held in the Baptist Church of Pascagoula, Mississippi, beginning Sept. 20th and closing Oct. 4th. I had with me Brother P. S. Rowland, of Atlanta, Ga., who conducted the music in a great way. He gathered up a chorus of children that ran up to the number of 135. It was the greatest children's chorus I have ever seen. The writer did

the preaching and was made very happy in the increasing congregation from night to night, until on the last Sunday night the building was filled to its utmost capacity. It was said to have been the largest congregation seen in any church house in Pascagoula for more than six years. The visible results of the meetings were 14 received for baptism and 11 by letter. Primarily, however, I feel that the greatest results of the meetings is the toning up of the spiritual life of the membership of the Church. This Church, in order to go on with its program must rebuild. Not only is this true of the Baptist Church, but this city of more than 4,500 people does not have anything at all in the way of a modern church building. There is not only a great need here, but a great opportunity for the Baptist Church, if the present opportunity can be followed up.

This word about Bro. Rowland: I have known him for more than 14 years, and while he has always been successful in his work, he was at his best in this meeting. He is grow stronger with the passing years. He is truly a Pastor's helper.

—N. O. Patterson.

Pascagoula, Miss.

—BR—

What was said to be one of the greatest revivals ever held in the Shady Grove Baptist Church, George county, came to a close Saturday, October 3. The spirit of unity and fellowship and service seems to have prevailed in the church for several months past. The pastor, Bro. S. E. Nix, a Godly man, informed me that he had had a baptismal service every month this year. It was in this fine spiritual atmosphere that the meeting began. The interest was fine from the first service. The people came from everywhere, it seemed, and the crowds grew to such proportions that we were forced to leave the church and go to the large school auditorium to accommodate them.

The singing was led by Bro. Luther Turner, of Richton, and it was done admirably. The writer did the preaching. The meeting closed several days earlier than we felt it should have, but with 38 for baptism and three by letter. I'm sure I never saw a greater revival anywhere.

Our revival begins here Sunday, Oct. 10, with Dr. J. H. Fuller, of Atlanta, leading. Brethren, please pray for us.

—Bruce S. Hilbun, pastor,
Ellisville Baptist Church.

—BR—

GREAT OPENING SOUTHWESTER SEMINARY

(L. R. Scarborough)

The Southwestern Seminary has opened for the 25th time with an enrollment almost equal to last year—a fine group of students, men and women from many sections, an unusually large number from foreign fields, from every state in the South and from many other sections.

We have practiced a number of economies, have cut salaries and reduced every possible expense except to cut into the teaching force, full teaching force as last year except one half-time man, all teachers back, well, happy—splendid classes of earnest, ambitious Christian workers

in all departments, great evangelistic reports from students and Seminary teachers for the last summer, many conferences attended, glorious work achieved.

The Seminary is throwing itself full force into the Every-Member Canvass. I happen to know that some genuine sacrificial living is practiced on Seminary Hill by teachers and students. The brotherhood may know we are bearing our part of economies, sacrificing and heroic living. We urge for the sake of this institution, as well as others, that the brotherhood do their best in the Every-Member Canvass everywhere.

Thank God for the propitious circumstances and hope of a great session of genuine study and work for the Master on Seminary Hill.

—BR—

WORSE THAN WEVILS

We are worse than all the weevils.

We ourselves are endless evils,

We who sit and whine and whimper,

Like a teething child in temper,

While we curse the fate of cotton,

Our own failings are forgotten.

Hughey Long and all his raving
Seem but salt that's lost its saving.

Cotton stands our sole salvation.

In these times of tribulation.

What we need is not to leave it,

But to wear it as we weave it.

We who strut in silk and satin,
While their weavers feast and fatten,
Merit little love or pity

From the countryside or city.

We deserve the whole world's
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In our alien-grown adorning.

Let us have the wit to use it.

Let no blatant fool abuse it.

Cotton is our king forever,

Let us be disloyal never.

Banning cotton would be treason,
Pure and simple, at this season.

We can eat it, we can wear it,

If we have the wit to dare it.

We can find a thousand uses,

If we cease our vain excuses.

We can win in any weather,
If we think and toil together.

Let us stand by this decision,

To advance our fathers' vision.

Let us bear our cotton banners,

Shouting, singing glad hosannas,

Till they float from every steeple

O'er a proud and happy people.

—David E. Guyton.

Blue Mountain, Miss.

—BR—

NEGRO CATHOLICS IN NEW ORLEANS

(W. W. Hamilton, B. B. I.)

The daily press is making much of the interest which Catholics are taking in the negroes. Our own Baptist Bible Institute is our greatest hope for meeting this situation. The negro Baptists of the city are themselves realizing the situation and are turning to us for help. The latest step taken is the founding of Xavier University, with an initial outlay of \$483,714 in grounds and the first building.

The school is to occupy two full squares, costing \$105,691, and the first structure is to cost \$378,023. The press says: "This building will comprise three sections which will

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have space for scientific laboratories, administration offices and lecture rooms. An auditorium to accommodate 800 students also will be provided. The main building will be of stone and will be three stories high. Later the university will erect a three-story building to accommodate members of the teaching staff, of whom there are about twenty.

"In 1930-31 there were 400 high-school and 200 college students enrolled at the school on Magazine Street. Opening of the new buildings in September, 1932, will permit expansion of both the university and high school. Xavier University offers four-year courses in arts and sciences and pharmacy and two-year business and normal courses."

As will be seen, this institution is making an initial outlay of more than the full cost of the Baptist Bible Institute. Will Southern Baptists fail to take care of their great and positive and constructive training school and mission force which is giving the gospel to the many nationalities in New Orleans?

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The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

Bible Questions No. 16: Esther For Children Under 12

1. How many provinces, like our States, did king Ahasuerus rule over? Esther 1:1.
2. What sort of a feast did he make in his palace for all his nobles and princes? Esther 1:4.
3. How long did the feast for all the people last?
4. What did they have to drink? Esther 1:7.
5. Why did he send for Queen Vashti to come before the people? Esther 1:11.
6. When she refused to come, what punishment was given to her? Esther 1:19.
7. When a new queen was chosen, what was her name, and to what nation did she belong? Esther 2:5, 7, 17.
8. Was the king told to what nation the new queen belonged?

For People Over 12

1. Why did Queen Vashti refuse to come to the feast when the king sent for her?
2. What was the name of the king's officer who was the enemy of Mordecai, Esther's uncle? Esther 3:1.
3. What plan did Haman make to destroy the Jews? Esther 3:8-11.
4. What did Mordecai tell Esther that she must do to save her people and herself?
5. What honor did the king show Mordecai when he found out how Mordecai had saved him from the hands of Bigthana and Teresh? Esther 6:1-11.
6. What had Haman prepared in order to put Mordecai to death? Esther 5:14.
7. How was it used? Esther 7:9, 10.
8. How did Esther save the Jewish people? Esther 8:3-8.

Study Roll: Laura Clark; Allen Y. Miller.

My Dear Children:

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we have already in the first week of our "B.B.I. Campaign," received more than half of our \$5.00. But don't be so much pleased that you will say, "Well, we've put it over," and forget to send what you can for it. Did you know that grown people sometimes do that way? I've been told so. But we won't, will we?

The first givers to the new B.B.I. fund were the Sunbeams of Newton and the gift was sent by Larry Holmes. They are faithful and regular in giving to the Orphans, and we congratulate them on leading off for the B.B.I. girl. The second giver is Mrs. Austin, and she is followed by Mary Adelyn Milam. Then come my own Clinton Sunbeams, who, like the Newton Band, contributed also to the Orphans. Then came a gift from Mrs. Emma Laird. This sounds pretty good to me, doesn't it to you? Now, before I close, let me say just one thing more. When you send your contribution for the B.B.I. work, don't forget to put in some for our dear Orphans. We want these two things to go along together. This letter is about money, but it is about love, too, for that is what sends the money. Much love, from, Mrs. Lipsey.

Leland, Oct. 2, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Have just read your letter about our campaign. I am so glad to help. I believe The Children's Circle can add the \$5.00 for the Baptist Bible Institute. We have a good Sunbeam Band, enjoy it so much, think they will be glad to help; am going to ask our teacher. I am enclosing \$1.00 for B.B.I. Hope you can put

my name in as one of the first givers. I am called "Mary Adelyn." Love to you and the Circle,

Mary Adelyn Milam.

This is a fine contribution, Mary Adelyn, and you were the third one to give. We are mighty grateful. I'll be so glad if you will get your Sunbeams to go in with us, too.

Crystal Springs, Oct. 3, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I was exempt in school on subtraction. I will not have to take the subtraction test again. If you get 6 or more of subtraction, multiplication, division, and addition right three times you won't have to take that same test again. I am sending the answers to the Bible Questions for October 1, 1931. Put me on the Study Roll. A Member,

Lura Clark.

Now, that's fine, Lura, that you did so well in arithmetic. I hope you'll keep on doing well in that, for sometimes women don't.

Clinton, Oct. 5, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We haven't forgotten you, but it seems that there are so many things doing in Clinton that we haven't gotten around. We are sending 50c for the Orphans and 25c for the B. B.I. work. We will send some more soon. We enjoy your letters, also the questions. Lots of love,

The Sunbeams of Clinton.

I'm so much obliged for the money. And I enjoy getting your letters, too. I do hope we are going to get on well with our new work for the B.B.I., don't you? Next time, can't you write me another poem?

Church Point, La., Oct. 6, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sending the answers to the Bible Questions. I lived in Miss. until about a year ago and we came to Arcadia Academy. My daddy is pastor of the church. I like to live here, but I love Mississippi. I am 9 years old and in the fifth grade. Love and best wishes,

Allen Yates Miller.

P. S.—I am sending 10c for the Orphans.

We are glad you haven't forgotten your old friends, Allen. You must come to see us again soon. Thank you so much for the money.

Florence, Oct. 5th, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Enclosed please find fifty cents for the B.B.I. Student Fund. I truly do hope you can get \$5.00 each month. I love to help Dr. Hamilton any way I can, and am interested in all the work. Best wishes to you and Dr. Lipsey.

Mrs. Emma Laird.

Dr. Lipsey took charge of your enclosure for the subscriptions, and we both thank you. I am especially grateful for the money for the B.B.I. You are showing your interest in the work in the best way.

The barrister had returned home after an important case in which he had been defending a man charged with murder.

"What was the verdict?" asked his wife.

"He was acquitted", beamed the barrister.

"Wonderful! On what grounds?" "Insanity. I proved that his father had spent five years in a lunatic asylum."

"But he hadn't had he?"

"Oh, yes, he had", said the barrister, "he was a doctor there but I saw no need to bring out that fact."

PRESENT STATUS OF THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS MOVEMENT ENCOURAGING

By Walter M. Gilmore, Publicity Director

"Interest in the simultaneous intensive and extensive Every Member Canvass in every Baptist church on November 29-December 6 is widening and warming everywhere," recently remarked Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport. This statement will apply to the whole Southern Baptist Convention as well as to the state of Louisiana, if the reports received here at headquarters in Knoxville mean anything.

The first stage of the Movement has passed with wonderful unanimity. A finer spirit of cooperation among our State Secretaries and other leaders and the rank and file of our people has not been witnessed before in this generation. Following the meeting of the Promotion Committee of Southern Baptists in Birmingham July 7, 8, the State Secretaries called their state groups together and arranged for the organization of their district associations and the churches. This has already been accomplished to a remarkable degree.

Texas reports, through T. C. Gardner, that their 109 associations, grouped into seventeen districts, are all organized and ready for action. Likewise Perry Morgan has sent to us a complete associational organization of North Carolina, with the exception of one or two small associations. Many other states have practically completed their organizations and all are working at it in a serious way. This is most encouraging.

With October we swing into the second stage of the Movement, that of intensive and extensive preparation. How well this is done will determine the success of the Movement. With the momentum already gained, we have reason to hope that in every church a group will be thoroughly trained to put on the canvass effectively, that all the people will be sufficiently instructed and inspired that they will support liberally their own church and all the causes fostered by their denomination. After all is said and done, this whole matter heads up in the local church. If the church fails to lead, the whole movement will fail to that extent, and vice versa.

A letter today from Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Chairman of the Literature

Committee of the Promotion Committee, advises that the handbook for workers, written by Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, Tennessee, and the other necessary tracts and leaflets have been shipped from Nashville to the various State Secretaries on their orders. All of this literature will be distributed to the churches and to individuals from the different state headquarters rather than from Nashville or Knoxville. In due time, doubtless, and in their own way, the State Secretaries will get this literature into the hands of their constituency.

Dr. Fred F. Brown's Movements

All will rejoice to know that Dr. Brown is standing up remarkably well under the stupendous load that Southern Baptists have laid on his shoulders. He is taking his task seriously and has thrown himself into it with perfect abandon. Since the day of his election as executive secretary of the Promotion Committee, July 7, he has been going "like a house-a-fire." He has had no let-up. Speaking from three to six times daily, traveling hundreds of miles, rarely ever retiring before 2 o'clock in the morning and often at 4 o'clock, Dr. Brown is not sparing himself in the least. But the Lord seems to be giving him sufficient strength and grace for his strenuous work.

Dr. Brown is absolutely in the hands of the State Secretaries, who have worked out his itineraries for him, which are taxing enough. In addition to his regular schedule, there are frequent demands on his time for engagements on the side. It is extremely difficult for him to turn some of these invitations down. A little thoughtfulness on the part of his good friends, and their name is legion, in the light of what has been said above, I am sure will protect him against unnecessary demands on his physical and nervous energy.

Wife (to boxer returning from fight): "Ow did you get on, Bill?"

Bill: "Fine—put 'im to sleep in the third round."

Wife: "God. Well, now, you can try your 'and on the baby."—Passing Show.

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Now Is The Time For Church Action

The budgets for 1932 based on a thoroughgoing Every Member Canvass to be made November 29 to December 6 will soon be adopted by the churches.

A host of pastors have signified their willingness to participate in the Service Annuity Plan of The Relief and Annuity Board which will provide ministers with disability and age income and income for their widows and orphans.

But to make the Plan effective it is necessary for the churches to join with the pastors and The Board by providing in their local budgets the moderate sum which the Plan requires. Let it be provided.

The Board will gladly give any information desired.

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AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary
Oxford, Mississippi

Union Seniors Elect

The Senior B.Y.P.U. of Union sets up its new organization for the term beginning October and elect for officers the following: President, Jewel Turner; Vice Pres., Kline Parker; Secretary, Willie Kate McAdory; Cor. Sec., Mary Lee Lewis, B.R.L., Mack Shelton; Treas., Margaret McAdory; Pianist, Zera Mae Phillips; Chorister, Gertrude Viverette; Group Captains, W. B. Cooper, Lucille Barfoot, Ruth McAdory. Turner in reporting the organization, expresses their determination to make the union A-1 this quarter and with a spirit like that we believe they will win.

JANUARY

Pearl River Associational B.Y.P.U. Elects New President

With a new president, new plans for the Pearl River Associational B.Y.P.U. have been adopted which has for its goal the organizing of a B.Y.P.U. in every church in the Association within this associational year. Mr. B. F. Smith, of Rowlands, was elected president at the last meeting and Mr. Smith in writing us regarding the work, gives us a bit of their plan for the year. As has just been stated, one thing is to give every church at least one B.Y.P.U. and as a means to this end they have appointed a "Service Committee," who will go with Mr. Smith into all the churches of the association with a good program that will set forth the value and work of the B.Y.P.U. We hope to bring to our readers from time to time interesting reports from their efforts.

TWELVE-FOURTEEN

Brookhaven Reports A New Senior B.Y.P.U.

A new Senior B.Y.P.U. made up of the older seniors including young married couples has been organized in the Brookhaven church. Mrs. Kosanke in reporting this new organization, states that the church already has a splendid senior and adult union and this new union reaches an age between these two. The officers are: President, Miss Elsie Harrington; Vice Pres., Mrs. Doris Brister; Secretary, Mr. Emmett Sutton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Emmett Sutton; Treas., Mae Jones; Chorister, Louise Smith; Pianist, Irene Smith; B.R.L., Mrs. B. J. Pope; Group Captains, Faith Bolian and Mrs. Malcolm Parkman. We congratulate the church and these older seniors on this new emphasis in training.

SOUTHWIDE

Brookhaven Observes Impressive Promotion Program

Using the church auditorium for the program a beautiful and impressive Promotion Program was given by the B.Y.P.U. organization of the Brookhaven church the last Sunday in September. Each of the eight unions took part in the program

and "added a color" to the Baptist Training Service Rainbow. The Rainbow was arranged over the baptistry and as each color was added the representative made a brief talk and presented certificates to the graduates. The rainbow ended in a pot of gold, prepared to receive it on the opposite side of the platform. It was an impressive service and well received by the church. The Brookhaven church has added a new officer to their General Organization—a General Bible Readers' Leader. Miss Louise Jones was chosen for this office and her duties will be to meet regularly with the Bible Readers' Leaders of each union to help them in their plans to reach all members and enlist them to keep up their Daily Bible Readings.

B.Y.P.U. CONFERENCE

Fulton Reports B.Y.P.U. Progress

We are indebted to Mr. W. T. Johnson for a good report of the Fulton B.Y.P.U.'s four unions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult, all doing a splendid work. Mr. Johnson adds that the adding of the Adult union has increased very noticeably the attendance upon the evening preaching service. The adult union was organized just about a year ago. We are glad to have this word from Fulton, the enterprising little city in Itawamba county.

ATLANTA, GA.

Scuna Valley Elects

Scuna Valley, Yalobusha Co., elects new officers as follows: Director, Mr. Rufus Cofer; Associate Director, Miss Jessie Denley; General Secretary, Curtis Hendrix; Pianist, Miss Earnestine Ferrell; Chorister, Bob Spier. The Junior leader for the new term is Miss Nell Thompson and the Intermediate Leader is Mrs. H. Walkman. We are indebted to Miss Myrtle Boatner for this report of Scuna Valley work. They are doing a splendid work, the interest is fine, two of the unions reporting A-1 for the last quarter.

Smyrna, in Walthall County, Organizes B.Y.P.U.

Pastor W. A. Murray, one of God's choice men and young people's best friends, reports the organization of a new union in the Smyrna church in Walthall county. They organized with seventeen members, the organization is standard and they expect to make every week a "Standard week." The very first thing Bro. Murray led them in the study of the B.Y.P.U. Manual with fifteen passing the test and receiving diplomas. We congratulate this fine group of young people on having Bro. Murray as their pastor and inspiration.

"Did you have much snow this year?"

"A fair amount, but my next-door neighbor had more."

"How could he have more?"

"He has more land than I have."
—E. H.

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devotion to the cause of Christ. Everyone was conscious of the desire to serve.

Second, it brought anew, before the mind of all, the facts of our great denominational program. It was a comprehensive presentation of what Mississippi Baptists are attempting to do.

Third, the program was put on by Baptist students. It was an inspiration to know that Christian students of today are so vitally and actively interested in the things of the Kingdom.

Fourth, it was a high class program, put on by high class folks. Well done and for a good purpose.

J. E. Wills, Pastor.

First Bap. Church, Newton, Miss.

It has been gratifying to those responsible for the B.S.U. movement in Mississippi to observe two things.

First, in recent years the students in some of our colleges where this work is being carried on have manifested interest in the cooperative work by making subscriptions at the beginning of the school session and by making subscriptions at the beginning of the school session and by paying these subscriptions through the local churches for both local and denominational work. In one institution the students pledged about \$900.00 at the beginning of last session.

The second thing of interest is that there was a spontaneous, simultaneous, and concerted effort made during the vacation period to reach every Baptist church in Mississippi with a message on the cooperative program. This movement originated from within the B.S.U. The students thoroughly organized for this work. The work was done gratuitously, the only cost of the denomination being a paltry amount for postage. The students made thorough preparation before they attempted to deliver these messages. They had their information well in hand and in mind. All of the reports which have come to the State Board office concerning their work have been very gratifying. The churches have been helped and the students' enthusiasm is even greater than at the beginning. Of the 1500 Baptist churches in Mississippi, they went into more than 1,000 with their message, and they are still at work.

We deeply appreciate this cooperation and heartily commend it to other States.

R. B. Gunter, Cor. Sec't'y.

Miss. Bap. State Convention Board.

CHURCH MUSIC

To those who are directors, or otherwise responsible for Church Music in Mississippi:

The Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs is seeking your cooperation in making this a great year in its church music department. We believe that "in unity there is strength," and that untold spiritual and musical value will come to our churches through its music when we bind ourselves together for this one purpose.

From more knowledge of the musical programs of our different churches, any choir will receive inspiration. If your choir is already strong, well-organized, and using the best there is in sacred music,

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then you can be a help to the weaker ones. On the other hand, if your choir is weak, then the knowledge of what others are doing will help in raising it to a higher standard.

How great is the responsibility which rests upon you, who direct and select the material to be used in the worship services of our churches, when through it lives can be motivated!

Each year the Federation sponsors contests for both Junior and Senior choirs: also Hymn Memory and Hymn Playing contests for Juniors. These will be conducted by District Church Music Chairmen throughout the State, and the District winners sent to the State meeting to be held in Jackson next spring. The anthems and hymns are selected by our National Chairman, and any singer or child is fortunate to be given the opportunity of familiarizing himself with them. We most sincerely hope that none will fail to take advantage of this privilege.

Would you not like to help make it possible for our State to have a Choir Festival, as other States have done, where hundreds of voices would blend in spiritual songs, reminding us of that heavenly choir? The success of so great an undertaking will depend largely upon your interest and support.

We are putting on a Choir Campaign this fall. We want at least one federated choir in every community. I am hoping to hear from those who are already directing choirs, or those who would assume this responsibility where your church has none. Will be glad to give further information.

Join us, and may we all share in making the music of our churches a more vital force in our religious experiences!

Faithfully yours,

—Vera Salmon, State Chairman,
Church Music, Miss. Fed. Music Clubs

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BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS.

LEST WE FORGET

(Rev. A. R. Adams, Hattiesburg)

The most beautiful thing in America is the Congressional Library building in Washington. It is a masterpiece of architectural genius. Its dome of shining gold, its glittering glistening marble walls, its long winding corridors, book-lined, its massive greatness gleaming white and looming splendid against the skyline, make it a thing of wonder and glory. But I am not thinking of what it contains. Its many books written by many hands, the thought and genius of many brains; its statuary, symbolic of the great thoughts which inspire and enoble life; the solemn figures standing in stately pose proclaiming the supremacy of thought and mind over all material pursuit. There is poetry, the interpreter of the finer, higher things of human life; there is law, the stern, solemn expression of all that stabilizes and safeguards our civilization; there is justice, dealing in exact fairness with all men; there is science, discovering, exploring, inventing, delving into the mysteries of the unknown and making playthings of the forces of life and nature; there is history, with her glorious records of the past, the story of her noble dead, the achievements of the ages by which civilization has been built and society perpetuated.

But crowning all, and above all, as if to symbolize the true greatness of the Republic, by which the nation has grown great, the hope and power of the land we love; higher than law or justice, beyond poetry and science, above history and literature, stands the symbolic figure of religion. Standing there above all the symbols of man's greatness, higher than all the genius of man's creation, is the white shining symbol of religion. More important than all else, mightier than the host below, is this highest, divinest, sublimest thought of the Eternal. It stands there high and beautiful, as if to teach that America, beyond all her greatness, prizes most of all, religion, depends most of all upon religion, needs most of all religion.

The road to national glory, to world prominence, to international good will and peace is through religion. The way to prosperity and well-being, to national happiness and welfare, is by religion. America needs to give again its fealty to religion; to honor with true reverence, religion, and to keep faith with this deepest and most sacred claim, religion.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, lest we forget."

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Association meets with Ebenezer Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fourth Sunday in October. Ebenezer church is near the line of Jeff Davis and Marion Counties, about seven miles south of Bassfield. As pastor, I extend the welcome of the church to messengers of the churches of the Association, visitors from Sister Associations, and representatives of the different phases of our Denominational work. Visitors from north of Jeff Davis county coming in cars would do well to turn south at Carson.

Brother L. C. Burkett, the Clerk of the Association, lives at Bassfield and if any expect to come on the train it would be well to write him about accomodation out to the Association.

Trusting we shall have a helpful Association, I am,

Yours for progress,

—Bryan Simmons.

"IF I WERE"

(W. W. Hamilton, B.B.I., N. O.)

A visiting speaker at the Baptist Bible Institute chapel gave some reasons why he, as a pastor, was grateful for this great training school and mission force here in the city which combines all forms of missionary endeavor. His statements are here given much more briefly than they were stated by him.

1. "If I were a convert on any foreign field I would be grateful that the Bible Institute is winning my fellow-countrymen who come to that great port, and is sending them back as Christian workers.

2. "If I were a member of the Foreign Mission Board I would rejoice that in New Orleans the gospel was presented in nine different languages last year, and that Bibles were distributed in eighteen languages.

3. "If I were in the Home Board offices I would praise God for the Bible Institute faculty and students who are so successfully carrying on intensively in that great center the many phases of home missions so dear to Southern Baptists.

4. "If I were a Louisiana Baptist I would constantly pray and sacrifice for the Institute because of its positive and wonderful help in solving the State mission situation, particularly so among the hundreds of thousands of French people and in the founding and sustaining of new mission stations and churches.

5. "If I were a New Orleans Baptist I would count the Bible Institute the greatest broadcasting station we have in giving the true gospel, in sustaining our denominational work, and whose wave-length is such that it is carrying the saving message to the ends of the earth.

6. "If I were convinced that God had called me into the Christian ministry, I would be grateful for this school where I could get practical experience along with scholarly training, where I could while studying sow the seed which is bringing such immediate and abiding harvests, and where I could as a laborer for the Master see such evidences of the favor and blessing of God."

CLARKE COLLEGE

This is the season in which County Associations are being held in the various sections of the State. Since Clarke College is not under the management of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, the reports on Christian education will probably not contain information relative to this year's work, etc. In every possible case, someone will be present at these meetings as a representative of the college and he shall be very grateful for the opportunity of making announcements.

It is our desire and prayer that the Associational gatherings will be characterized by helpful information,

enthusiasm, renewed vision and courage, and the presence of the Spirit of God. Would that all of our people might get a better vision of service in the forces of the Master to the end that His Kingdom may come and His will accomplished in thoughts and deeds! Also that we might enjoy the blessedness of Christian experience!

How necessary it is for Christian people to be willing for a revival to begin in their own hearts; Again, what a challenge is held out to be followers of Jesus, to be active and alert in producing the highest type of leadership in these crucial moments of our nation's life! Christianity may not get such an opportunity for a long time again.

Clarke College with its aspirations to serve through educating young men and young women, is attempting to apply the Christian spirit of cooperation in the advancement of the plans of the Master. If these principles can operate in the lives of its nearly one hundred students, no regrets will be incurred relative to efforts of any kind.

The present Senior class has a membership of 31. We have six ministerial students and one young lady who is planning to be a missionary included in our enrollment.

May we be remembered in your Christian activities.

Sincerely,

—A. A. Roebuck, Pres.

MISSISSIPPIANS IN LOUISVILLE

(By A. B. Polsgrove)

Mississippi was signally honored at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., this year when the faculty of that institution named W. E. Richardson, of Hattiesburg, as Chairman of the Mullens Hall Executive Committee. This body has the responsibility of the direction of all the affairs in Mullens Hall, the dormitory for unmarried students. This committee appoints men to approximately a score of positions held by students in the hall.

Bro. Richardson, as Chairman, presides in the dining room. Formerly the faculty designated a Chairman of the Dining Hall, but this year the Chairman of the Executive Committee was accorded this honor in conjunction with his other duties.

Last year this office was held by another Mississippian, Bro. W. C. Tyler, of Picayune, who is working toward his Ph.D. degree, majoring in Greek New Testament. Bro. Tyler has already passed the examination for this degree, and is now working on his thesis.

Twenty Mississippians enrolled at the Seminary opening, and there is a possibility of several more entering before the year closes. Last year Mississippi had nineteen representatives in the student body. Those enrolled thus far are:

Bro. Wm. L. Cooper, Jackson; Bro. Jack Bridges, Coldwater; Bro. Leo B. Golden, Bro. Fenelon D. Hewitt, Jr., McComb; Bro. Chas. Z. Holland, Vossburg; Bro. Wm. A. Keel, Oxford; Bro. Atley A. Kichings, Beach; Bro. Robert A. Langley, Learned; Bro. Robert E. Lee, New Hebron; Bro. James W. Middleton, Woodland; Bro. Otho Riddel Moseley, Dalerville; Bro. A. B. Polsgrove, Tupelo; Bro. George A. Ritchey, Jackson; Bro. John B. Smith, In-

In Memoriam

MISS ELIZA BROADUS

Miss Eliza Broadus was killed Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 7th, when she was struck by a truck on the street near her home. She lived about an hour and a half after the accident, but was wholly unconscious until her death at the Baptist Hospital.

Miss Eliza was the oldest living daughter of Dr. John A. Broadus, and the sister of Mrs. A. T. Robertson and Mrs. S. C. Mitchell, of the University of Richmond, Virginia. She had, only a few days ago, been entertained at a special celebration of her eightieth birthday by the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, of which she was one of the founders.

Miss Broadus had taken an active part in the W.M.U. of the South from its beginning and was for many years its Vice-President in Kentucky, until she insisted on being relieved of this a few years ago. Miss Eliza possessed, in a very high degree, the characteristics of her great and distinguished father, under whose personal care she received her higher education, and to whom she was, for a number of years, a companion secretary, sharing in his literary labors.

The funeral is to be conducted at 2:30 on Friday, Oct. 9th, in the Assembly Hall of the Seminary, and will be in charge of her pastor, Dr. Jerome O. Williams, of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, assisted by two members of the Seminary Faculty.

Very sincerely yours,

—W. O. Carver.

WHEREAS: It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst by death our esteemed friend and co-laborer, Viola Cole, who has for many years occupied a prominent rank in our midst, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished and a reputation above reproach.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that in the death of Mrs. Cole, we, the W. M. U., have sustained the loss of a friend whose fellowship it was an honor and pleasure to enjoy; that we bear willing testimony to her many virtues, to her unquestioned loyalty and stainless life; that we offer to her beloved family and mourning friends over whom sorrow has hung her sable mantle, our heartfelt condolence and pray that Infinite goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire them with the consolation that hope and faith in God alone can give.

Resolved further: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased friend and a copy spread on the minutes of the W.M.U. and a copy sent to The Brandon News and Baptist Record. Committee:—Mrs. W. D. Ragland

Mrs. Tom Cox

Mrs. Oscar Martin

dianola; Bro. E. M. Stewart, Osyka; Bro. Wilfred C. Tyler, Picayune; Bro. Elwyn Wilkinson, Columbia, and Bro. Guy F. Winstead, Pelahatchie.

AN OPEN LETTER TO REV. J. D. FRANKS

My Dear Brother:

I have just read for the second time your splendid article in The Baptist Record of Sept. 14th. You tell a very remarkable story, in a most interesting manner. As I have studied it carefully and prayerfully, and have tried to appreciate and understand what this great conference means, I have been thrilled more than I can put into words.

I followed you closely all the way, from New York City, on the ocean, in London, and then on to Berlin in the First Baptist Church, filled to capacity, standing room even being "at a premium," and I listened while brief, spiritual messages were heard in several languages, and when "The Hallelujah Chorus," by the German choir rang out as their welcome and greeting to the group from America, I am sure that heaven was listening and perhaps the angels joined in that chorus, and Jesus expressed approval. And then that two-day hike through the Saxonian Alps of two hundred happy, hopeful Christian people, singing, talking, climbing all the day long; and at night camping at the top of a very high mountain, and turning that robber Baron's castle into a house of prayer. How I longed for youth and to be one of you. Then the Conference itself in Prague, a city with such an interesting religious past.

"Another chapter in Acts," as you well call it, "devout young Baptist people out of almost every nation under heaven were there, and we all felt that the blessed Presence had filled our souls, and instead of the confusion at Babel, there was the unity at Pentecost." Is this the beginning of the new Pentecost that some of us have been thinking and praying and talking about? As you say: "Surely this will mark a new day, the beginning of a new epoch, in the triumphs of the Gospel throughout the world." The paragraph that follows stirred me greatly. "They talked, they counseled, they sang, they prayed, they wept, they rejoiced, and they covenanted together as they cast their burdens on the great Burden Bearer, and surrendered their lives anew to him, who has promised them power, wisdom and grace sufficient for all these things."

Such an international gathering of spiritual young people might even move New York City.

To me this story is very wonderful and suggestive, something really new and hopeful in these trying times.

I am writing this letter specially to suggest that you put the story into tract form, a copy to be sent to every B.Y.P.U. in our land, and if possible to every member of that Conference.

It seems to me that our Sunday School Board in Nashville could hardly use some of its funds for a better purpose and to better advantage, and perhaps your own church would

furnish the funds needed for postage and you yourself could see that these tracts are sent out. Nothing that I have seen for a long time has appealed to me as this "International Conference of Baptist Young People," and meeting in Prague, a city with such an interesting religious history. Can't you give us a second article about this side of the past history of Prague, and especially about the last paragraph in your first article, where you say, "There were many noteworthy utterances made by speakers during the Conference, and many incidents full of interest for us all, but time and space forbid giving an account of these here."

—John H. Eager.

1230 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

BUYING PROSPERITY WITH BEER!!!

(By Georgia Robertson)

In order for the brewers to pay into the Federal Treasury \$400,000,000 in license fees, as August Busch said they would do with the return of beer, it would be wise for everyone to ask himself the following questions which concern him whether he is a manufacturer, owner of a mine producing raw material of any kind, an oil well, timber lands, dairy or stock farm, poultry farm, truck garden, cotton fields, fruit orchards, or a merchant, agent, salesman, or has or expects to have anything to sell—even his or her own labor.

1. How many million dollars in addition to those \$400,000,000 promised the Treasury would the brewers have to take out of the pockets of our people before they would pay those \$400,000,000 into the Treasury in license fees!

2. How much would spending all those vast sums of money for beer reduce the buying power of the people in purchasing the necessities and comforts of life!

3. Would the employment and wages paid for manufacture of beer and its allied industries, anywhere equal the employment and wages lost by those thrown out of other employments because the people would not be able to buy these other products being made by them, when spending this enormous amount of money on beer?

4. How much in time and wages would also be lost Mondays because of Sunday drinking orgies?

We have more food and manufactured goods now than the people who need them are able to buy when not wasting vast sums of money on beer. The grain used in making beer would "not make a dent" in the surplus stocks.

The coming of prohibition caused no financial depression, nor did it flood the market with grain, or the unemployed; then why hope that the return of beer would help remedy these conditions? Beer in abundance has not brought prosperity to England or Germany or saved them unemployment much worse than with us.

It is a weakness of human nature to want to get something for nothing, but the brewers would not give the Treasury the money. As in prohibition times they would first take at least four or five times as much out of the pockets of the people—mostly working people—for

beer, out of which they would pay over to the Government \$400,000,000 for the privilege of taking more than a billion dollars first from the people. It would not be a gift from the brewers, neither would it be "easy money." Beware of snatching at such a deceptive prize!

Shall we relieve the enormously rich from sur-taxes and put that burden on the shoulders of the working people through the sale of beer?

Which shall it be, milk for the children or beer for the fathers?

Apt. 64, The Kenesaw, Washington, D. C.

HOW ONE PRAYER MEETING FINDS GREAT RESPONSE

The Baptist, of Chicago, gives us the program of the Baptist Temple prayer service.

During recent weeks at the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, the prayer meeting attendance has averaged about six hundred, and has on several occasions run beyond that number. Asked upon what he depended to make the prayer meeting draw Rev. Russell M. Brougher prepared the following suggestions, which we pass on to our readers:

Spend as much time in preparation for your prayer meeting as you do in preparation for your Sunday services.

Advertise your meeting, and let your people know that it is just as important as the Sunday services. Let this be made known by the very attitude that the preacher takes, and the emphasis he puts on it when he speaks about it Sunday.

Always have some interesting subject for discussion. In preparing these subjects it often takes me weeks and months to secure just the right subject—but have a subject that will arouse curiosity, and bring forth testimonies on the part of the people.

Have special music. Spend at least fifteen minutes in a live song service.

Always spend at least fifteen minutes in prayer by the people. Give them an opportunity to make requests for prayer.

Have the people pray for definite things.

Arrange with your organist that between every two prayers, a prayer hymn will be sung softly without announcing—such as "I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour," "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

Have it clearly understood that no prayer or testimony on the part of the people will last for more than two minutes.

Always spend at least fifteen minutes in testimony.

Begin your meeting exactly on time and close exactly on time, no matter how many people may be waiting to testify. Tell them to come next week with their testimony if they were unable to give it on that evening.

Make your meeting truly one of song, prayer and testimony, of special uplift and blessing. Keep the spiritual uppermost and supreme, and put lots of life into it—never let it drag.

The prayer-meeting before communion is always kept as the church covenant meeting. The covenant is read, and usually the subject centers

around some phase of the church covenant.

MY SUMMER'S WORK

Beginning the fourth Sunday in July I held five successive meetings in Lafayette and Calhoun counties. In Lafayette county I was with the Antioch, New Bethel and London Hill; and in Calhoun county I was with Driver's Flatt and Spring Creek churches. Rev. A. N. Hill is the capable pastor of all of these except Driver's Flatt, where I am pastor.

In all these meetings the people received the messages gladly and good meetings were the results. A number of additions were had in each meeting. The largest number were had in the meeting at Driver's Flatt, where there were twenty-four, mostly by baptism.

The preacher was treated with the kindest of hospitality. He was invited back to hold all of these meetings next year. The field is white unto harvest. The people are kind, honest and ready to serve, but are a bit backward and undeveloped. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into the harvest.

To God, the Father, be all the praise for His goodness to us.

—Charles T. Schmitz.
Coffeeville, Miss.

CHIPS

"Just be a good fellow,
Whatever you do;
The skies may be gloomy
Or shiny, or blue.
It doesn't at all matter,
The hue of the skies,
Just so the sun shines
In your heart and eyes."

"He wins who thinks
When others dream; who
Decides while others hesitate
Who works when others wait."

"He holds no parley with
Unmanly fears;
Where duty bids he bravely
steers,
Faces great dangers at her call
Trusting God surmounts them
all."

"Opposition is often a blessing in disguise. The courageous make it serve as a mental punching bag wherewith to build new strength."

"Today is our day—yesterday is history and its events are useful only in planning for tomorrow."

"Success never comes from what others give us or do for us. We must earn it by our own industry and perseverance."

—C. M. Sherrouse.

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Delta State B.S.U.

The Delta State B.S.U. is back on the campus ready for work. Council meetings have been held and plans are being inaugurated for the coming quarter. Various members were busy registration day assisting the new students and freshmen.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Cleveland Baptist Church entertained the Baptist students and the entire faculty of the college and the faculty of the Cleveland High School. Each person was classed as a flower, beast, or toy and various contests were entered into with a spirit of enthusiasm. Delightful refreshments were served. The B. S. U. appreciates the interest the local church takes in the Baptist students.

The work of giving programs at the jail on Sunday afternoons has been resumed. There seems to be great appreciation for this work and the B.S.U. is glad to render service where it has an opportunity.

Plans are being made for the sending of delegates to the State B.S.U. Convention at Jackson. The Delta State B.S.U. hopes to do some real work on the campus during the year 1931-32.

B.S.U. Business Meeting of M.W.C.

The regular B.S.U. monthly business meeting was held Tuesday evening, October 6, in the Administration Building. Every officer of each organization was represented in the different committee meetings, with a leader in charge of her phase of work. After these meetings the respective organizations came together for a brief meeting, in which future plans were discussed.

The meeting was opened with peppy songs, after which Jeannette Lawrence, our secretary, spoke a few words of encouragement to the girls, and admonished them not to speak shoddily for Christ through the year's work.

The Y.W.A. had charge of the chapel exercises Wednesday, October 7, with the first vice-president, Mary Lucille Mayfield, in charge of an interesting and enlightening program on African Worship. Mary Lawrence, the Y.W.A. president, had charge of distributing membership cards at the beginning of the program, asking that each girl become a member of Y.W.A. and pledge herself for definite service.

Very sincerely yours,
Gladys Mills.

(Continued from last week)
M. S. C. W.

Listen, people, to what the Workshop Girls have been doing. We have a secretary now—a real, honest-to-goodness secretary! Mrs. J. D. Franks, Columbus, is acting as our Student Secretary. Of course, Mrs. Franks wants it clearly understood that she is only to be with us until a definite secretary for all time is found, but we love Mrs. Franks so much and we feel that under her

guidance we can do ever so much to make our Workshop stand high! We are glad to have you, Mrs. Franks, and we say "Welcome."

And then we have been doing something else, too. We've had a visitor on our campus this week, whose worth positively can not be counted. Miss Frances Landrum, State Y.W.A. Worker, has been here to help us in our Y.W.A. plans for the year. You know Miss Landrum—tiny, pretty, vivacious, charming—with a spirituality that positively throws forth the worth of working for God.—She was with us this week teaching "Missions in Principle and Practice." How we did live for the hour when we could fly over to the Workshop for our Mission study. Then every day at prayer meeting, Miss Landrum talked on the "Ideal Woman," taking her scripture from Proverbs 31.

On Friday the Baptist girls and the Methodist girls on the M.S.C.W. campus had a joint prayer meeting. The sawdust room of the Baptist Workshop was crowded with girls worshipping—thanking God for His many gifts, asking for strength to carry on, giving Him their problems to solve. Truly we do know that God is with us yet.

The M.S.C.W. girls have made a covenant with God this past week. We have promised Him that we will tithe every week and that His tenth shall come first—even before we pay our board bills. We have decided here on the M.S.C.W. campus that God should have the first fruits, and we do know that His care deserves our tithes. On the dresser of every girl there is a tiny "green" box, which was made at the Workshop from green card-board. This box cannot be opened. On one side there is a tiny slit, and through this slit we drop our tithes when first our checks come to us. Oh, what a blessing we are gaining from our tithing.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., Mississippi College, Clinton, who is our State B.S. U. President, will be with us on the campus this week-end. He comes to plan with us for the State Convention, which is to be in Jackson, October 23-25. If you're there, be sure to look out for the "Navy Blues." We're coming by train-loads.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE NEWS

The evangelistic services held by Dr. J. B. Riser, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durant, came to a close Sunday night. For the past week Dr. Riser has been bringing two inspirational messages daily—one at ten o'clock in M.W.C. chapel, and the other at eight in the evening at Immanuel Baptist Church. Large audiences have been present at every service. Dr. Riser's messages have inspired many to renew their vows to God. There were six-

ty-two additions to the church by letter.

Mr. William Hall Preston, South-wide Baptist Student Secretary, of Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest of Woman's College B.S.U. Council, Wednesday, September 23. Mr. Preston was returning from a fortnight trip in Louisiana. During the day, he met and talked with many council members, offering very helpful suggestions and plans for the year's work. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Preston with us, and he has promised to make another visit real soon.

Dr. Harry Leland Martin, of Jackson, former pastor of the First Church at Lexington, Miss., and now the Secretary of Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, was the guest of M.W.C. at dinner Friday evening, September 26. Dr. Martin had been attending the Pearl River County Association at Poplarville, and was on his way to Jackson.

The Y.W.A. of our campus, with Mary Lawrence as President, sponsored a Day of Prayer during the special Prayer Week, on Wednesday, September 23. On this day, it was the privilege of every girl on the campus to enter a special room and pray for the State Mission Work. At each hour there was a certain object specified for prayer. All through the day, the sign on the door, "Alone with God," was noticed, indicating that prayer was prevailing.

The Y.W.A. also had charge of collecting on that day an offering for State Missions. Most every girl on the campus responded beautifully, some giving stamps, and some even denying themselves that they could make a contribution.

The Life Service Band of M.W.C. held its first regular meeting on Friday, September 25, in the B.S.U. Activity Room. The President, Grace Guest, presided over the meeting and welcomed twelve new members into the organization. The meeting was opened with the song, "Living For Jesus," and a prayer offered asking God's guidance and care in the work during this session. The theme of the program was "Consistent Campus Christianity."

The Band was very fortunate in having at this meeting, the presence and interest of three leading pastors; Dr. Riser, of Durant, Rev. Spencer, of Immanuel Church, and Rev. O'Bryant, of Hattiesburg.

The Life Service Band sponsors the Jail, Mill and Negro religious work. Visits were made during the last week to two mill districts and to the jail. This work is being carried on this year on a larger scale, and with His help, greater tasks can be performed, for "the Life Service Band of M.W.C. can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth it."

Orientation Week

The incoming men have a new day at Mississippi College. The Freshmen class had the fullest orientation week this year that any class has ever experienced. The summary of that week's activities are as follows:

Saturday, September 5th. Freshmen arrives, assignments to rooms.

Information booth and reading room open throughout the day. Committees meet trains; host committee in charge of greetings at dormitories. 6:45 (upper lobby Gymnasium)—Opening "pow-wow", welcomes, pep talks, information period.

7:30 (Social Hall of Church)—Program of stunts, acquaintance skits, announcements for tomorrow, distribution of handshakes.

Sunday, September 6th. Special Sunday School classes, special sermon.

4:30—Informal Music Vesper.
6:30—Special B. Y. P. U. program.

7:30—Special Sermon.

Monday, September 7th. Chapel and information period, 7:45 A.M. Chapel Building. Pep and song period.

8:45—Registrar in charge.
12:45 — Noon — Registration in progress. Information booth open.
1:45—(Chapel Building)—Instructions session (history of college, student traditions, college regulations, etc.)

2:00-5:00—Registration continues. Booth open. Swimming pool open.
5:00—Conducted tour of campus and buildings.

7:00—Pep and instruction session. Questions and information about books.

Tuesday, September 8th. Final chapel and instructions period, pep and songs.

9:00-11:00—A.M. miniature daily schedule to let the fellows try out their hands at finding the class rooms in which their various classes are to meet. Instruction as to their location given in the preceding chapel period.

1:45—Final assembly of Freshmen check over registrations, necessary additional information challenges, appeal by President of College. Swimming pool and sports.

6:45—P.M. Mass pep meeting and parade of old and new students.

Wednesday, September 9th. 1:30 A.M. Formal opening of the session.

7:30—Special Baptist Student program in church.

8:30—Huge joint reception with Hillman College girls in social hall of church.

Thursday, September 11th. Class work begins.

Tildon McGee,
Clinton, Mississippi.

TESTIMONIES OF STUDENTS

To me the greatest pleasure of the summer was the pleasure I received from participating in the summer informational campaign. With the giving of each program there came the desire to reach more people, in order that we might inform them of the need of their beloved denomination. Possibly the most gratifying result was the manner in which this presentation was received, for all who heard were gracious in their appreciation. I soon came to realize that there is an amount of service that each of us can render, and that if we are faithful in the discharging of our small duties God will richly reward. Anita Vaught, M.S.C.W.

Never before have I received more genuine pleasure than from serving in this summer campaign. First of all, I received a deeper insight into the serious crisis our denomination (Concluded on Page 9)